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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549
FORM 10-Q

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

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2018

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

For the transition period from _____ to _____

UNITED COMMUNITY FINANCIAL CORP.

(Exact name of the registrant as specified in its charter)

OHIO
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

000-024399
(Commission File No.)

34-1856319
(IRS Employer I.D. No.)

275 West Federal Street, Youngstown, Ohio 44503-1203
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (330) 742-0500

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15 (d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically every Interactive Data File required to be submitted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit such files).

Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, a smaller reporting company or emerging growth company. See definitions of "large accelerated filer", "accelerated filer", "smaller reporting company", and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act (Check one):

Large accelerated filer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Accelerated filer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Non-accelerated filer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Smaller reporting company	<input type="checkbox"/>
Emerging growth company	<input type="checkbox"/>		

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.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Yes No

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date: 49,729,061 common shares as of October 31, 2018.

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PART I—FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ITEM 1. Financial Statements

UNITED COMMUNITY FINANCIAL CORP.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION
(Unaudited)

	September 30, 2018	December 31, 2017
<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>		
Assets:		
Cash and deposits with banks	\$ 31,042	\$ 34,365
Federal funds sold	23,223	12,515
Total cash and cash equivalents	54,265	46,880
Securities:		
Available for sale, at fair value	242,106	270,561
Held to maturity, (fair value of \$74,812 and \$82,126, respectively)	78,700	82,911
Loans held for sale, at lower of cost or market	—	211
Loans held for sale, at fair value	95,235	83,541
Loans, net of allowance for loan losses of \$21,332 and \$21,202	2,148,942	1,999,877
Federal Home Loan Bank stock, at cost	19,144	19,324
Premises and equipment, net	21,449	22,094
Accrued interest receivable	8,551	8,190
Real estate owned and other repossessed assets, net	907	1,253
Goodwill	20,221	20,221
Customer list intangible	2,259	2,060
Core deposit intangible	1,686	1,934
Cash surrender value of life insurance	63,789	62,488
Other assets	31,929	28,360
Total assets	\$ 2,789,183	\$ 2,649,905
Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity		
Liabilities:		
Deposits:		
Non-interest bearing	\$ 383,535	\$ 354,970
Interest bearing		
Customer deposits	1,553,204	1,445,293
Brokered deposits	415,737	156,476
Total interest bearing deposits	1,968,941	1,601,769
Total deposits	2,352,476	1,956,739
Borrowed funds:		
Federal Home Loan Bank advances		
Long-term Federal Home Loan Bank advances	49,025	48,536
Short-term Federal Home Loan Bank advances	46,000	308,000
Total Federal Home Loan Bank advances	95,025	356,536
Repurchase agreements and other	238	197
Total borrowed funds	95,263	356,733
Advance payments by borrowers for taxes and insurance	16,494	25,038
Accrued interest payable	1,177	1,097
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	17,730	16,033
Total liabilities	2,483,140	2,355,640
Shareholders' Equity:		
Preferred stock-no par value; 1,000,000 shares authorized and no shares issued or outstanding	—	—
Common stock-no par value; 499,000,000 shares authorized; 54,138,910 shares issued and 49,922,514 and 49,800,126 shares, respectively, outstanding	177,412	177,458
Retained earnings	186,000	167,852
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(25,783)	(18,685)
Treasury stock, at cost, 4,216,396 and 4,338,784 shares, respectively	(31,586)	(32,360)
Total shareholders' equity	306,043	294,265
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 2,789,183	\$ 2,649,905

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

UNITED COMMUNITY FINANCIAL CORP.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
(Unaudited)

	For the Three Months Ended September 30,		For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2018	2017	2018	2017
<i>(Dollars in thousands, except per share data)</i>				
Interest income				
Loans	\$ 24,031	\$ 20,697	\$ 70,065	\$ 58,266
Loans held for sale	1,264	882	3,134	2,415
Securities available for sale, nontaxable	333	416	1,077	1,252
Securities available for sale, taxable	1,176	1,276	3,584	4,357
Securities held to maturity, nontaxable	69	49	181	163
Securities held to maturity, taxable	374	424	1,194	1,343
Federal Home Loan Bank stock dividends	289	253	843	694
Other interest earning assets	154	51	323	171
Total interest income	27,690	24,048	80,401	68,661
Interest expense				
Deposits	5,044	2,226	11,931	5,834
Federal Home Loan Bank advances	1,023	1,315	4,019	3,334
Repurchase agreements and other	—	4	—	20
Total interest expense	6,067	3,545	15,950	9,188
Net interest income	21,623	20,503	64,451	59,473
Provision for loan losses	251	721	520	3,038
Net interest income after provision for loan losses	21,372	19,782	63,931	56,435
Non-interest income				
Insurance agency income	545	509	1,635	1,454
Brokerage income	339	271	911	894
Deposit related fees	1,494	1,499	4,186	4,200
Mortgage servicing fees	821	760	2,446	2,225
Mortgage servicing rights valuation	(6)	(10)	(17)	(15)
Mortgage servicing rights amortization	(477)	(491)	(1,519)	(1,426)
Other service fees	26	21	125	83
Net gains (losses):				
Securities available for sale (includes \$0, \$236, \$233, and \$566, respectively, accumulated other comprehensive income reclassifications for unrealized net gains on available for sale securities)	—	236	233	566
Mortgage banking income	1,409	1,688	3,972	5,128
Real estate owned and other repossessed assets, net	(45)	(73)	(236)	(143)
Debit/credit card fees	1,000	971	3,126	3,220
Trust fees	483	449	1,425	1,151
Other income	557	475	1,530	1,442
Total non-interest income	6,146	6,305	17,817	18,779
Non-interest expense				
Salaries and employee benefits	9,107	8,736	28,042	26,460
Occupancy	1,094	1,013	3,144	2,920
Equipment and data processing	2,032	2,303	6,558	6,688
Financial institutions tax	495	348	1,486	1,348
Advertising	340	285	865	674
Amortization of intangible assets	128	113	373	308
FDIC insurance premiums	294	301	872	829
Other insurance premiums	85	115	303	336
Legal and consulting fees	356	156	802	569
Other professional fees	651	666	1,541	1,606
Supervisory fees	34	—	118	—
Real estate owned and other repossessed asset expenses	25	33	95	118
Acquisition costs	—	—	—	4,962
Other expenses	1,131	1,395	3,703	4,112
Total non-interest expenses	15,772	15,464	47,902	50,930
Income before income taxes	11,746	10,623	33,846	24,284
Income tax expense (includes \$0, \$83, \$49 and \$198 income tax expense from reclassification items)	2,217	3,067	6,220	7,001
Net income	\$ 9,529	\$ 7,556	\$ 27,626	\$ 17,283

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UNITED COMMUNITY FINANCIAL CORP.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
(Unaudited)

	For the Three Months Ended		For the Nine Months Ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2018	2017	2018	2017
	<i>(Dollars in thousands, except per share data)</i>			
Net income	\$ 9,529	\$ 7,556	\$ 27,626	\$ 17,283
Other comprehensive (loss) income				
Unrealized (loss) gain on securities, available for sale, net of reclassifications and tax of \$(463), \$262, \$(1,912) and \$1,624, respectively	(1,741)	486	(7,194)	3,013
Accretion of unrealized losses on securities transferred from available for sale to held to maturity, net of tax of \$10, \$18, \$26 and \$53, respectively	35	33	96	98
Total other comprehensive (loss) income	<u>(1,706)</u>	<u>519</u>	<u>(7,098)</u>	<u>3,111</u>
Comprehensive income	<u>\$ 7,823</u>	<u>\$ 8,075</u>	<u>\$ 20,528</u>	<u>\$ 20,394</u>
Earnings per share				
Basic	\$ 0.19	\$ 0.15	\$ 0.55	\$ 0.35
Diluted	0.19	0.15	0.55	0.35

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

UNITED COMMUNITY FINANCIAL CORP.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY
(Unaudited)

	Common Shares Outstanding	Common Stock	Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	Treasury Stock	Total
	<i>(Dollars in thousands, except per share data)</i>					
Balance January 1, 2018	49,800,126	\$ 177,458	\$ 167,852	\$ (18,685)	\$ (32,360)	\$ 294,265
Net income			27,626			27,626
Other comprehensive loss				(7,098)		(7,098)
Stock option exercises	70,101	(292)			524	232
Stock option expense		51				51
Restricted stock grants	83,407	(624)			624	—
Restricted stock forfeitures	(4,599)					—
Restricted stock expense		750			(36)	714
Vesting of Long-term Incentive Plan	36,871	69			275	344
Cash dividend payments (\$0.19 per share)			(9,478)			(9,478)
Treasury stock purchases	(63,392)				(613)	(613)
Balance September 30, 2018	<u>49,922,514</u>	<u>\$ 177,412</u>	<u>\$ 186,000</u>	<u>\$ (25,783)</u>	<u>\$ (31,586)</u>	<u>\$ 306,043</u>

	Common Shares Outstanding	Common Stock	Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	Treasury Stock	Total
	<i>(Dollars in thousands, except per share data)</i>					
Balance January 1, 2017	46,581,370	\$ 174,360	\$ 152,675	\$ (21,040)	\$ (56,189)	\$ 249,806
Net income			17,283			17,283
Other comprehensive income				3,111		3,111
Stock option exercises	80,085	(381)			597	216
Stock option expense		1				1
Restricted stock grants	75,875	(564)			564	—
Restricted stock expense		696				696
Vesting of Long-term Incentive Plan	68,783	87			510	597
Purchase of Ohio Legacy Corp.	3,033,604	3,261			22,555	25,816
Cash dividend payments (\$0.10 per share)			(4,970)			(4,970)
Treasury stock purchases	(81,230)				(705)	(705)
Balance September 30, 2017	<u>49,758,487</u>	<u>\$ 177,460</u>	<u>\$ 164,988</u>	<u>\$ (17,929)</u>	<u>\$ (32,668)</u>	<u>\$ 291,851</u>

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

UNITED COMMUNITY FINANCIAL CORP.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(Unaudited)

	For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2018	2017
<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>		
Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Net income	\$ 27,626	\$ 17,283
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities		
Provision for loan losses	520	3,038
Mortgage banking income	(6,531)	(1,140)
Changes in fair value on loans held for sale	2,559	(3,988)
Net losses on real estate owned and other repossessed assets sold	236	143
Net gain on available for sale securities sold	(233)	(566)
Amortization of premiums and accretion of discounts	4,311	3,169
Depreciation and amortization	2,030	2,018
Net change in interest receivable	(361)	326
Net change in interest payable	80	506
Net change in prepaid and other assets	(4,746)	1,807
Net change in other liabilities	2,041	3,956
Stock based compensation	765	697
Net principal disbursed on loans originated for sale	(249,923)	(194,232)
Proceeds from sale of loans held for sale	240,181	203,676
Net change in deferred tax assets	3,434	2,047
Cash surrender value of life insurance	(1,301)	(1,189)
Net cash from operating activities	<u>20,688</u>	<u>37,551</u>
Cash Flows from Investing Activities		
Proceeds from the principal repayments and maturities of securities available for sale	7,880	19,164
Proceeds from the principal repayments and maturities of securities held to maturity	6,924	11,625
Proceeds from the sale of securities available for sale	10,361	62,906
Proceeds from the sale of real estate owned and other repossessed assets	1,002	1,231
Proceeds from the sale of loans held for investment	150	2,250
Proceeds from the sale of premises and equipment	—	3
Purchases of premises and equipment	(1,360)	(1,943)
Principal disbursed on loans, net of repayments	(124,577)	(172,222)
Loans purchased	(26,489)	(45,350)
Purchase of bank owned life insurance	—	(5,000)
Purchase of securities held to maturity	(3,000)	—
Redemption of FHLB stock	180	—
Net cash received in acquisitions	—	25,635
Net cash from investing activities	<u>(128,929)</u>	<u>(101,701)</u>
Cash Flows from Financing Activities		
Net increase in checking, savings and money market accounts	62,533	37,125
Net increase in certificates of deposit	333,455	120,496
Net decrease in advance payments by borrowers for taxes and insurance	(8,544)	(8,297)
Net change in short-term FHLB advances	(262,000)	(86,500)
Net change in repurchase agreements and other borrowed funds	41	(1,092)
Proceeds from the exercise of stock options	232	216
Dividends paid	(9,478)	(4,970)
Purchase of treasury stock	(613)	(705)
Net cash from financing activities	<u>115,626</u>	<u>56,273</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents	7,385	(7,877)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	46,880	45,887
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	<u>\$ 54,265</u>	<u>\$ 38,010</u>

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

UNITED COMMUNITY FINANCIAL CORP.
NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(Unaudited)

1. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

United Community Financial Corp. (United Community or the Company) was incorporated in the State of Ohio in February 1998 for the purpose of owning all of the outstanding capital stock of Home Savings and Loan Company of Youngstown, Ohio (Home Savings and Loan) issued upon the conversion of Home Savings and Loan from a mutual savings association to a permanent capital stock savings association (Conversion). Upon consummation of the Conversion on July 8, 1998, United Community became the unitary thrift holding company for Home Savings and Loan. Immediately following United Community's acquisition of Ohio Legacy Corp. (OLCB) on January 31, 2017, Home Savings and Loan was merged into Premier Bank & Trust, OLCB's wholly-owned, state-chartered bank subsidiary (PB&T), and the surviving bank changed its name to Home Savings Bank. In connection with the OLCB acquisition, United Community became a financial holding company, and Home Savings Bank, its wholly-owned bank subsidiary following the merger (Home Savings or the Bank), is now an Ohio bank.

Home Savings conducts its business from its main office located in Youngstown, Ohio, 35 retail banking offices, 13 loan production centers and three wealth management offices located throughout Ohio, western Pennsylvania, West Virginia, southeast Michigan, Indiana and Kentucky.

On January 29, 2016, United Community acquired James & Sons Insurance. James & Sons Insurance was merged into HSB Insurance, LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of United Community. HSB Insurance, LLC d/b/a James & Sons Insurance is an insurance agency that offers a wide variety of insurance products for business and residential customers, which include auto, homeowners, life-health, commercial, surety bonds and aviation. On February 28, 2017, HSB Insurance, LLC acquired certain assets of Eich Brothers Insurance. Eich Brothers Insurance is an insurance agency that offers insurance products for business and residential customers, which include auto, commercial, homeowners and life-health. On July 1, 2017, HSB Insurance, LLC acquired certain assets of Stevens Insurance Agency, which offers insurance products for business and residential customers, including auto, commercial, homeowners and life-health. On July 1, 2018, HSB Insurance, LLC acquired certain assets of the Steinhauser Insurance Agency, which offers insurance products for business and residential customers, including auto, commercial, homeowners and life-health.

HSB Capital, LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of United Community, was formed by United Community during 2016 for the purpose of providing mezzanine funding for customers. Mezzanine loans are offered to customers in United Community's market area and are expected to be repaid from the cash flow from the operations of the business.

HSB Insurance, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company which was formed and began operations on June 1, 2017, is a Delaware-based captive insurance company which insures against certain risks unique to the operations of the Company and its subsidiaries and for which insurance may not be currently available or economically feasible in today's insurance marketplace. HSB Insurance, Inc. pools resources with several other similar insurance company subsidiaries of financial institutions to spread a limited amount of risk among themselves. HSB Insurance, Inc. is subject to regulations of the State of Delaware and undergoes periodic examinations by the Delaware Division of Insurance.

The accompanying consolidated financial statements of United Community have been prepared in accordance with instructions relating to Form 10-Q. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by generally accepted accounting principles (U.S. GAAP) for complete financial statements. However, such information reflects all adjustments (consisting solely of normal recurring adjustments) that are, in the opinion of management, necessary for a fair statement of results for the interim periods.

The results of operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018, are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the year ending December 31, 2018. The consolidated financial statements and notes thereto should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements and notes contained in United Community's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017.

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of United Community and its subsidiaries, Home Savings, HSB Insurance, LLC, HSB Capital, LLC and HSB Insurance, Inc. All material inter-company transactions have been eliminated. Some items in the prior year financial statements were reclassified to conform to the current presentation. These reclassifications had no effect on prior year consolidated statements of operations or shareholders' equity.

2. RECENT ACCOUNTING DEVELOPMENTS

On January 1, 2018, the Company adopted Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2014-09 *Revenue from Contracts with Customers* and all subsequent amendments to the ASU (collectively, ASC 606), which (i) creates a single framework for recognizing revenue from contracts with customers that fall within its scope and (ii) revised when it is appropriate to recognize a gain (loss) from the transfer of nonfinancial assets, such as other real estate owned. The majority of the Company's revenues come from interest income and other sources, including loans and securities, which are outside the scope of ASC 606. The Company's services that fall within the scope of ASC 606 are presented within noninterest income and are recognized as revenue as the Company satisfies its obligation to the customer. Services within the scope of ASC 606 include insurance agency income, brokerage income, deposit related fees, debit/credit card income, trust income and the sale of other real estate owned. Refer to Note 4, Revenue Recognition for further discussion on the Company's accounting policies for revenue sources within the scope of ASC 606.

The Company adopted ASC 606 using the modified retrospective method applied to all contracts not completed as of January 1, 2018. Results for reporting periods beginning after January 1, 2018 are presented under ASC 606 while prior period amounts continue to be reported in accordance with legacy GAAP. The adoption of ASC 606 did not result in a change to the accounting for any of the in-scope revenue streams; as such, no cumulative effect adjustment was recorded.

In January 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-01, *Financial Instruments – Overall (Subtopic 825-10): Recognition and Measurement of Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities* (ASU 2016-01). ASU 2016-01, among other things, (i) requires equity investments, with certain exceptions, to be measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognized in net income, (ii) simplifies the impairment assessment of equity investments without readily determinable fair values by requiring a qualitative assessment to identify impairment, (iii) eliminates the requirement for public business entities to disclose the methods and significant assumptions used to estimate the fair value that is required to be disclosed for financial instruments measured at amortized cost on the balance sheet, (iv) requires public business entities to use the exit price notion when measuring the fair value of financial instruments for disclosure purposes, (v) requires an entity to present separately in other comprehensive income the portion of the total change in the fair value of a liability resulting from a change in the instrument-specific credit risk when the entity has elected to measure the liability at fair value in accordance with the fair value option for financial instruments, (vi) requires separate presentation of financial assets and financial liabilities by measurement category and form of financial asset on the balance sheet or the accompanying notes to the financial statements and (viii) clarifies that an entity should evaluate the need for a valuation allowance on a deferred tax asset related to available-for-sale securities. The new guidance was effective for annual reporting periods and interim reporting periods within those annual periods, beginning after December 15, 2017. The adoption of this guidance did not have a material effect on the consolidated financial statements and revised disclosures related to the fair value of loans.

In February 2016, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued ASU 2016-02 - *Leases (Topic 842)* (ASU 2016-02). ASU 2016-02 will require all organizations that lease assets to recognize on the balance sheet the assets and liabilities for the rights and obligations created by those leases. Additional qualitative and quantitative disclosures will be required so that users can understand more about the nature of an entity's leasing activities. The new guidance is effective for annual reporting periods and interim reporting periods within those annual periods, beginning after December 15, 2018. Early adoption is permitted. Management is currently evaluating the impact of the adoption of this guidance on the Company's consolidated financial statements and expects to recognize an increase in other assets and other liabilities for the rights and obligations created by leasing of branch offices. Additionally, management is currently reviewing contracts to determine if any imbedded lease exists within the scope of this ASU. Management also expects minimal impact in the income statement with respect to occupancy expense related to leases.

In June 2016, the FASB Issued ASU 2016-13, *Financial Instruments—Credit Losses (Topic 326): Measurement of Credit Losses on Financial Instruments* (ASU 2016-13). ASU 2016-13 adds a new Topic 326 to the Accounting Standards Codification (Codification) and removes the thresholds that companies apply to measure credit losses on financial instruments measured at amortized cost, such as loans, receivables, and held-to-maturity debt securities. Under current U.S. GAAP, companies generally recognize credit losses when it is probable that the loss has been incurred. The revised guidance will remove all recognition thresholds and will require companies to recognize an allowance for credit losses for the difference between the amortized cost basis of a financial instrument and the amount of amortized cost that the company expects to collect over the instrument's contractual life. ASU 2016-13 also amends the credit loss measurement guidance for available-for-sale debt securities and beneficial interests in securitized financial assets. The guidance in ASU 2016-13 is effective for "public business entities," as defined, that are SEC filers for fiscal years, and for interim periods with those fiscal years, beginning after December 15, 2019. Early adoption of the guidance is permitted for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018, including interim periods within those fiscal years. Management is currently evaluating the impact of the adoption of this guidance on the Company's consolidated financial statements. Management has aggregated and verified the necessary data and addressed any data-archiving improvements necessary for the implementation of this ASU. Management is in the process of evaluating various models to be used.

In August 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-15, *Statement of Cash Flows (Topic 230), Classification of Certain Cash Receipts and Cash Payments* (ASU 2016-15), which amends the guidance in ASC 230 on the classification of certain cash receipts and payments in the statement of cash flows. The primary purpose of ASU 2016-15 is to reduce the diversity in practice that has resulted from the lack of consistent principles on this topic. ASU 2016-15's amendments add or clarify guidance on eight cash flow issues:

- Debt prepayment or debt extinguishment costs.
- Settlement of zero-coupon debt instruments or other debt instruments with coupon interest rates that are insignificant in relation to the effective interest rate of the borrowing.
- Contingent consideration payments made after a business combination.
- Proceeds from the settlement of insurance claims.
- Proceeds from the settlement of corporate-owned life insurance policies, including bank-owned life insurance policies.
- Distributions received from equity method investees.
- Beneficial interests in securitization transactions.
- Separately identifiable cash flows and application of the predominance principle.

For public business entities, the guidance in ASU 2016-15 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2017, including interim periods within those fiscal years. Early adoption is permitted for all entities. Entities must apply the guidance retrospectively to all periods presented but may apply it prospectively from the earliest date practicable if retrospective application would be impracticable. The adoption of this guidance did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In January 2017, the FASB issued ASU 2017-04, *Intangibles - Goodwill and Other (Topic 350): Simplifying the Test for Goodwill Impairment* (ASU 2017-04). ASU 2017-04 eliminates Step 2 from the goodwill impairment test. Instead, under the new guidance, an entity is to perform its annual goodwill impairment test by comparing the fair value of a reporting unit with its carrying amount. An impairment charge would be recognized for the amount by which the carrying amount exceeds the reporting unit's fair value. The new guidance is effective for annual reporting periods, and interim reporting periods within those annual periods, beginning after December 15, 2019. Early adoption is permitted for interim or annual goodwill impairment tests performed on testing dates after January 1, 2017. The adoption of this guidance is not expected to have an impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In March 2017, the FASB issued ASU 2017-08, *Receivables - Nonrefundable Fees and Other Costs (Subtopic 310-20): Premium Amortization on Purchased Callable Debt Securities* (ASU 2017-08). ASU 2017-08 amends the amortization period for certain purchased callable debt securities held at a premium. It shortens the amortization period for the premium to the earliest call date. Under current U.S. GAAP, premiums on callable debt securities generally are amortized to the maturity date. The new guidance is effective for annual reporting periods, and interim reporting periods within those annual periods, beginning after December 15, 2018. Early adoption is permitted for interim or annual periods. The adoption of this guidance is not expected to have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In May 2017, the FASB issued ASU 2017-09, *Compensation—Stock Compensation (Topic 718): Scope of Modification Accounting* (ASU 2017-09). ASU 2017-09 applies to entities that change the terms or conditions of a share-based payment award. The FASB adopted ASU 2017-09 to provide clarity and reduce diversity in practice as well as cost and complexity when applying the guidance in Topic 718, *Compensation—Stock Compensation*, to the modification of the terms and conditions of a share-based payment award.

The amendments in ASU 2017-09 include guidance on determining which changes to the terms and conditions of share-based payment awards require an entity to apply modification accounting under Topic 718.

These amendments require the entity to account for the effects of a modification unless all of the following conditions are met:

- The fair value (or calculated value or intrinsic value, if such an alternative measurement method is used) of the modified award is the same as the fair value (or value using an alternative measurement method) of the original award immediately before the original award is modified. If the modification does not affect any of the inputs to the valuation technique that the entity uses to value the award, the entity is not required to estimate the value immediately before and after the modification;
- The vesting conditions of the modified award are the same as the vesting conditions of the original award immediately before the original award is modified; and
- The classification of the modified award as an equity instrument or a liability instrument is the same as the classification of the original award immediately before the original award is modified.

The amendments are effective for all entities for annual periods, and interim periods within those annual periods, beginning after December 15, 2017. Early adoption is permitted, including adoption in any interim period. The amendments should be applied prospectively to an award modified on or after the adoption date. The adoption of this guidance did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In July 2017, the FASB issued ASU 2017-11, *Earnings Per Share (Topic 260); Distinguishing Liabilities from Equity (Topic 480); Derivatives and Hedging (Topic 815)*: (Part I) Accounting for Certain Financial Instruments with Down Round Features, (Part II) Replacement of the Indefinite Deferral for Mandatorily Redeemable Financial Instruments of Certain Nonpublic Entities and Certain Mandatorily Redeemable Noncontrolling Interests with a Scope Exception (ASU 2017-11). ASU 2017-11 simplifies the accounting for certain financial instruments with down round features, a provision in an equity-linked financial instrument (or embedded feature) that provides a downward adjustment of the current exercise price based on the price of future equity offerings.

ASU 2017-11 will require companies to disregard the down round feature when assessing whether the instrument is indexed to its own stock, for purposes of determining liability or equity classification. Companies that provide earnings per share (EPS) data will adjust their basic EPS calculation for the effect of the feature when triggered (i.e., when the exercise price of the related equity-linked financial instrument is adjusted downward because of the down round feature) and will also recognize the effect of the trigger within equity.

The provisions of ASU 2017-11 related to down rounds are effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning after December 15, 2018. For all other entities, the amendments are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2019, and interim periods within fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2020. Early adoption is permitted for all entities. The adoption of this guidance is not expected to have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In August 2017, the FASB issued ASU 2017-12, *Derivatives and Hedging (Topic 815): Targeted Improvements to Accounting for Hedging Activities* (ASU 2017-12). These amendments revise and expand hedge accounting for both financial (e.g., interest rate) and commodity risks. Its provisions create more transparency around how economic results are presented, both on the face of the financial statements and in the footnotes. It also makes certain targeted improvements to simplify the application of hedge accounting guidance. ASU 2017-12 is effective for public business entities for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018, and interim periods within those fiscal years. For all other entities, the amendments are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2019, and interim periods beginning after December 15, 2020. Early adoption, including adoption in an interim period, is permitted. If an entity early adopts in an interim period, any adjustments should be reflected as of the beginning of the fiscal year that includes that interim period (i.e., the initial application date). The adoption of this guidance is not expected to have an impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In May 2018, the FASB issued ASU 2018-06, *Codification Improvements to Topic 942, Financial Services—Depository and Lending* (ASU 2018-06). ASU 2018-06 removes outdated guidance related to the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency's Banking Circular 202, *Accounting for Net Deferred Tax Charges* (Circular 202) in Subtopic 942-740, *Financial Services – Depository and Lending – Income Taxes*. The adoption of this guidance did not have an impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In June 2018, the FASB issued ASU 2018-07, *Compensation—Stock Compensation (Topic 718): Improvements to Nonemployee Share-Based Payment Accounting* (ASU 2018-07). The FASB issued ASU 2018-07 intending to reduce cost and complexity and to improve financial reporting for nonemployee share-based payments. ASU 2018-07 expands the scope of Topic 718, *Compensation—Stock Compensation* (which currently only includes share-based payments to employees) to include share-based payments issued to nonemployees for goods or services. Consequently, the accounting for share-based payments to nonemployees and employees will be substantially aligned. ASU 2018-07 supersedes Subtopic 505-50, *Equity—Equity-Based Payments to Non-Employees*. The amendments in ASU 2018-07 are effective for public companies for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018, including interim periods within that fiscal year. For all other companies, the amendments are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2019, and interim periods within fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2020. Early adoption is permitted. Management expects minimal impact in the income statement with respect to stock-based compensation.

In July, the FASB issued ASU 2018-09, *Codification Improvements*. ASU 2018-09 affects a wide variety of Topics in the Codification. The transition and effective date guidance is based on the facts and circumstances of each amendment. Some of the amendments in ASU 2018-09 do not require transition guidance and will be effective upon issuance of ASU 2018-09. However, many of the amendments do have transition guidance with effective dates for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2018, for public business entities. The adoption of this guidance is not expected to have an impact of the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In July 2018, the FASB issued ASU 2018-10, *Codification Improvements to Topic 842, Leases* (ASU 2018-10). ASU 2018-10, among other things, amends Topic 842 affecting narrow aspects of the guidance issued in the amendments in ASU 2016-02. The amendments in ASU 2018-10 affect the amendments in ASU 2016-02, which are not yet effective, but for which early adoption upon issuance is permitted. For entities that early-adopted Topic 842, the amendments are effective upon issuance of ASU 2018-10, and the transition requirements are the same as those in Topic 842. The adoption of this guidance is not expected to have an impact of the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In August 2018, the FASB issued ASU 2018-11, *Leases (Topic 842): Targeted Improvements* (ASU 2018-11). ASU 2018-11 provides entities with an additional (and optional) transition method to adopt the new leases standard. Under this new transition method, an entity initially applies the new leases standard at the adoption date and recognizes a cumulative-effect adjustment to the opening balance of retained earnings in the period of adoption. Consequently, an entity's reporting for the comparative periods presented in the financial statements in which it adopts the new leases standard will continue to be in accordance with current GAAP (Topic 840, Leases).

The amendments also provide lessors with a practical expedient, by class of underlying asset, to not separate nonlease components from the associated lease component and, instead, to account for those components as a single component if the nonlease components otherwise would be accounted for under the new revenue guidance (Topic 606) and certain criteria are met: If the nonlease component or components associated with the lease component are the predominant component of the combined component, an entity is required to account for the combined component in accordance with Topic 606. Otherwise, the entity must account for the combined component as an operating lease in accordance with Topic 842.

For entities that have not adopted Topic 842 before the issuance of ASU 2018-11, the effective date and transition requirements for the amendments related to separating components of a contract are the same as the effective date and transition requirements in ASU No. 2016-02. For entities that have adopted Topic 842 before the issuance of ASU No. 2018-11, the transition and effective date of the amendments related to separating components of a contract in ASU No. 2018-11 are as follows:

1. The practical expedient may be elected either in the first reporting period following the issuance of this Update or at the original effective date of Topic 842 for that entity.
2. The practical expedient may be applied either retrospectively or prospectively.

All entities, including early adopters, that elect the practical expedient related to separating components of a contract in ASU No. 2018-11 must apply the expedient, by class of underlying asset, to all existing lease transactions that qualify for the expedient at the date elected. The adoption of this guidance is not expected to have an impact of the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In August 2018, the FASB issued ASU 2018-12, *Financial Services—Insurance (Topic 944): Targeted Improvements to the Accounting for Long Duration Contracts* (ASU 2018-12). ASU 2018-12 requires updated assumptions for liability measurement. Assumptions used to measure the liability for traditional insurance contracts, which are typically determined at contract inception, will now be reviewed, and, if there is a change, updated, at least annually, with the effect recorded in net income;

ASU 2018-12 also standardizes the liability discount rate. The liability discount rate will be a standardized, market-observable discount rate (upper-medium grade fixed-income instrument yield), with the effect of rate changes recorded in other comprehensive income;

ASU 2018-12 provides greater consistency in measurement of market risk benefits. The two previous measurement models have been reduced to one measurement model (fair value), resulting in greater uniformity across similar market-based benefits and better alignment with the fair value measurement of derivatives used to hedge capital market risk;

ASU 2018-12 simplifies amortization of deferred acquisition costs. Previous earnings-based amortization methods have been replaced with a more level amortization basis; and require enhanced disclosures. They include roll forwards and information about significant assumptions and the effects of changes in those assumptions.

For public business entities, ASU 2018-12 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2020, and interim periods within those fiscal years. For all other entities, the amendments are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2021, and interim periods within fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2022. Early application is permitted. The adoption of this guidance is not expected to have an impact of the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In August 2018, the FASB issued ASU 2018-13, *Fair Value Measurement (Topic 820): Disclosure Framework-Changes to the Disclosure Requirements for Fair Value Measurement* (ASU 2018-13). ASU 2018-13 modifies the disclosure requirements in Topic 820, eliminating or modifying current disclosures. It also adds two additional disclosure items that apply only to public companies with assets or liabilities measured under Level 3 of the Fair Value hierarchy. ASU 2018-13 also revised the disclosure objective for fair value measurements so that companies may assess and reduce the content of fair value disclosures. ASU 2018-13 becomes effective for all companies beginning after December 15, 2019, and interim periods within those years. The adoption of this guidance is not expected to have an impact of the Company's consolidated financial statements.

3. STOCK COMPENSATION

Stock Options:

On April 30, 2015, shareholders approved the United Community Financial Corp. 2015 Long-Term Incentive Compensation Plan (the 2015 Plan). The purpose of the 2015 Plan is to provide a means through which United Community may attract and retain employees and non-employee directors, to provide incentives that align their interest with those of United Community's shareholders and promote the success of United Community's business. All employees and non-employee directors are eligible to participate in the 2015 Plan. The 2015 Plan provides for the issuance of up to 1,200,000 shares that are to be used for awards of stock options, stock awards, stock units, stock appreciation rights (SARs), annual bonus awards and long-term incentive awards.

On April 26, 2007, shareholders approved the United Community Financial Corp. 2007 Long-Term Incentive Plan (as amended, the 2007 Plan). The purpose of the 2007 Plan was to promote and advance the interests of United Community and its shareholders by enabling United Community to attract, retain and reward directors, directors emeritus, managerial and other key employees of United Community, including Home Savings, by facilitating their purchase of an ownership interest in United Community. The 2007 Plan was terminated on April 30, 2015 upon the adoption of the 2015 Plan, although the 2007 Plan survives with respect to awards issued under the 2007 Plan that remain outstanding and exercisable. The 2007 Plan provided for the issuance of up to 2,000,000 shares that were to be used for awards of restricted stock, stock options, performance awards, SARs, or other forms of stock-based incentive awards. Because the 2007 Plan terminated, no additional awards may be made under it.

On July 12, 1999, shareholders approved the United Community Financial Corp. 1999 Long-Term Incentive Plan (as amended, the 1999 Plan). The purpose of the 1999 Plan was the same as the 2007 Plan. The 1999 Plan terminated on May 20, 2009, although the 1999 Plan survives with respect to options issued under the 1999 Plan remain outstanding and exercisable. The 1999 Plan provided for the grant of either incentive or nonqualified stock options. Options were awarded at exercise prices that were not less than the fair market value of the share at the grant date. The maximum number of common shares that could be issued under the 1999 Plan was 3,569,766. Because the 1999 Plan terminated, no additional options may be issued under it.

There were 50,000 stock options granted under the 2015 Plan during the nine months ended September 30, 2018 and none granted during the nine months ended September 30, 2017. Pursuant to the terms of the 2015 Plan, any options granted must be exercised within 10 years from the date of grant. Expenses related to prior stock option grants are included with salaries and employee benefits. The Company recognized \$19,000 and \$51,000 in stock option expense for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018, respectively. The Company recognized \$0 and \$1,000 in stock option expense for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017, respectively. The Company expects to recognize an additional \$19,000 in stock option expense for the remainder of 2018.

A summary of option activity for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 in the 2015 Plan, the 2007 Plan and the 1999 Plan is as follows:

	For the nine months ended September 30, 2018		
	Shares	Weighted average exercise price	Aggregate intrinsic value (in thousands)
Outstanding at beginning of year	260,533	\$ 2.55	
Granted	50,000	9.66	
Exercised	(70,101)	3.31	
Forfeited and expired	—	—	
Outstanding at end of period	240,432	3.81	\$ 1,408
Shares subject to options exercisable at end of period	190,432	2.28	\$ 1,408

Information related to stock options for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017 follows:

	September 30, 2018	September 30, 2017
Intrinsic value of options exercised	\$ 450,000	\$ 487,000
Cash received from option exercises	232,000	216,000
Tax benefit realized from option exercises	67,000	170,523
Weighted average fair value of options granted, per share	\$ 1.54	\$ —

Information related to stock options granted during the nine months ended September 30, 2018 were as follows:

	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2018
Risk-free interest rate	2.69%
Expected term (years)	5
Expected stock volatility	19.68%
Dividend yield	2.48%

As of September 30, 2018, there were 50,000 nonvested stock options outstanding.

Outstanding stock options at September 30, 2018 have a weighted average remaining life of 3.68 years and may be exercised in the range of \$1.20 to \$9.66 per share.

Restricted Stock Awards:

The 2007 Plan permitted and the 2015 Plan permits the issuance of restricted stock awards to eligible employees and nonemployee directors. Nonvested shares at September 30, 2018 aggregated 227,651, of which 7,113 are expected to vest during the remainder of 2018, 128,034 in 2019, 37,744 in 2020 and 54,760 in 2021. Expense related to restricted stock awards is charged to salaries and employee benefits and is recognized over the vesting period of the awards based on the fair value of the shares at the grant date. The Company recognized approximately \$243,000 and \$714,000 in restricted stock award expense for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018, respectively. The Company recognized approximately \$240,000 and \$696,000 in restricted stock award expense for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017, respectively. The Company expects to recognize additional expenses related to restricted stock awards of approximately \$223,000 in 2018, \$539,000 in 2019, \$310,000 in 2020 and \$150,000 in 2021. The total average per share fair value of shares vested during the nine months ended September 30, 2018 was \$9.64.

A summary of changes in the Company's nonvested restricted shares for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 is as follows:

	For the nine months ended September 30, 2018	
	Shares	Weighted average grant date fair value
Nonvested at beginning of year	277,035	\$ 6.73
Granted	83,407	\$ 10.19
Vested	(128,192)	\$ 6.30
Forfeited	(4,599)	\$ 8.33
Nonvested shares at end of period	227,651	\$ 8.10

Annual Incentive Plan

The Annual Incentive Plan (AIP) provides incentive compensation awards to certain officers of the Company. Annual incentive awards are generally based upon the actual performance of the Company and individual participant performance for the twelve months ending December 31, compared to the actual performance of a peer group during the same twelve-month period. The target incentive awards for each year are measured as a percentage of the base salary of participating officers. Once the awards under the AIP are calculated, they are paid in cash and/or restricted stock. The restricted stock vests equally over three years, beginning on the first anniversary of the date the restricted stock is issued. The Company incurred \$94,000 and \$284,000 in expense for the restricted stock portion of the AIP for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018 and \$416,000 and \$1.3 million for the cash portion of the AIP for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018. The Company incurred \$100,000 and \$222,000 in expense for the restricted stock portion of the AIP for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017 and \$431,000 and \$1.3 million for the cash portion of the AIP for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017.

Long-term Incentive Plan

The Long-term Incentive Plan (LTIP) provides a long-term incentive compensation opportunity to certain executive officers, whose participation and target award opportunities will be approved by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors. Each participant in the LTIP will be granted a target number of Performance Share Units (PSUs). Target PSUs will be determined as a percentage of base salary and translated into share units based on the Company's average stock price at the appropriate measurement date. The performance period for the annual grant for a given year will be from January 1, year 1 through December 31, year 3. The Company incurred \$167,000 and \$548,000 in expense for the LTIP for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018. The Company incurred \$146,000 and \$295,000 in expense for the LTIP for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017.

4. REVENUE RECOGNITION

The Company recognizes revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. To achieve this result, the following five steps are applied:

- Step 1: Identify the contract(s) with the customer
- Step 2: Identify the performance obligation(s) in the contract
- Step 3: Determine the transaction price
- Step 4: Allocate the transaction price to the performance obligations in the contract
- Step 5: Recognize revenue when (or as) the entity satisfies a performance obligation

The new revenue guidance applies to all contracts with customers to provide goods or services in the ordinary course of business, except for loans and securities, which are specifically excluded from the scope.

Because loans and securities are outside the scope of the revenue standard, the Company will not use the new standard to account for gains and losses on its investments in securities, loans and derivatives. The Company also will not use the standard to account for interest and dividend income on financial instruments owned or those included in the Company's lending activities.

Home Savings' servicing of loans sold to investors requires Home Savings to provide specific administrative functions for the owner(s) of these assets. These administrative functions include collecting cash flows from borrowers and remitting them to beneficial interest holders, monitoring delinquencies and executing foreclosures. Servicing rights that relate to transferred financial assets meet the conditions for sale accounting under ASC 860. ASC 860 requires the recognition of a servicing asset or liability when the benefits of servicing obtained from the contract are respectively greater than or less than adequate compensation (as defined in

ASC 860) for performing the servicing. While ASC 860 provides initial recognition and subsequent measurement guidance for recognized servicing assets and liabilities, it does not include any explicit guidance for recognizing contractually specified servicing fees when servicing income is equal to adequate compensation. Therefore, income from servicing financial assets in the scope of ASC 860 is not in the scope of ASC 606, regardless of whether a servicing asset or liability exists. This is because ASC 606 contains an exception to its scope for contracts that fall under ASC 860.

Deposit-related fees and charges are in the scope of ASC 606, even though ASC 405 is listed as an exception to the scope of the standard. That is because ASC 405, which the Company applies to determine the appropriate liability accounting for customer deposits, does not provide a model for recognizing fees related to customer deposits (e.g., automated teller machine fees, nonsufficient funds fees, account maintenance or dormancy fees). When reviewing standard customer agreements, fees are charged as the service is rendered and therefore there are no changes to recognizing income for deposit-related fees.

The Company records real estate owned and other repossessed assets (OREO) at fair value less costs to sell upon foreclosure. The objective is to sell OREO within a short period of time because of regulatory and capital requirements. After foreclosure, these assets are carried at the lower of their carrying amount or their fair value less selling costs, so significant gains and losses are uncommon upon sale. OREO is often sold in a transaction that, under the standard, may not be considered a contract with a customer because the sale of the asset is not an output of the entity's ordinary activities. However, sales of nonfinancial assets, including in substance nonfinancial assets, should be accounted for using new guidance in ASC 610-20, Other Income — Gains and Losses from the Derecognition of Nonfinancial Assets, which requires entities to apply certain measurement and recognition concepts of ASC 606. Accordingly, the Company recognizes the sale of a real estate property, along with any associated gain or loss, when control of the property transfers to the buyer. For sales of existing real estate properties, this generally will occur at a point in time.

Insurance agency income is within the scope of ASC 606. Approximately 75% of the Company's insurance agency income is derived from direct-bill customers. With this arrangement, the customer is billed directly from the insurance carrier. As a result, the insurance carrier pays a commission to the Company upon completion of the required documentation (policy application or renewal) and recognizes income at that time. Due to the nature and timing of receipt of these commissions, there will be no change in the manner in which income is recognized. Agency-billed customers account for approximately 25% of the overall insurance agency income. Premiums are collected from customers and remitted to the insurance carrier, net of commission, within a short period of time. At the time the premiums are remitted to the insurance carrier, all work is completed and revenue recognized at that time. Due to the nature and timing of when the premiums are recognized, there will be no change to the timing of the recognition of insurance agency income.

Debit card fee income is earned as a result of standard interchange fees contractually obligated by Visa to be paid. Interchange fees are charged to a merchant for the presentation of credit/debit card transactions. The service is considered complete upon fulfillment of the transaction, which is when the interchange fee is earned and paid. Credit card fees are paid when earned as a result of an agreement between the bank and a third party provider. As a result, there is no change to the timing of recognition of this income.

Trust fee income is calculated based on assets under management. Fees are recognized at the end of the month to which the service has been provided for customers billed monthly. This amounts to approximately 85% of trust fee income recognized, which is collected within a short period of time after the fee is assessed to the customer. Quarterly and annual fees are accrued and collected based on the contractual agreements with customers. Fees are assessed to these customers and paid at the end of each quarter. Due to the nature and timing of when monthly fees are assessed, there will be no change to the way those fees are currently recognized. Quarterly and annual fees will continue to be recognized over the period when the fees are earned, regardless of when they are assessed to the customer.

Brokerage revenue is recognized each month as sales occur. Brokerage revenue is paid from sales to customers by a third-party. In a manner similar to that of insurance agency revenue, income is paid directly to the Bank by the third-party once the sale to the customer is complete. Due to the nature and timing of when the income is earned, there will be no change to timing of when this income is recognized.

5. SECURITIES

Components of the available for sale portfolio are as follows:

	September 30, 2018			
	Amortized cost	Gross unrealized gains	Gross unrealized losses	Fair value
<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>				
Available for Sale				
U.S. Treasury and government sponsored entities' securities	\$ 124,467	\$ —	\$ (5,179)	\$ 119,288
States of the U.S. and political subdivisions	48,290	4	(1,271)	47,023
Mortgage-backed GSE securities: residential	79,599	28	(3,832)	75,795
Total	\$ 252,356	\$ 32	\$ (10,282)	\$ 242,106

	December 31, 2017			
	Amortized cost	Gross unrealized gains	Gross unrealized losses	Fair value
<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>				
Available for Sale				
U.S. Treasury and government sponsored entities' securities	\$ 124,982	\$ 19	\$ (1,184)	\$ 123,817
States of the U.S. and political subdivisions	58,806	955	(138)	59,623
Mortgage-backed GSE securities: residential	87,917	42	(838)	87,121
Total	\$ 271,705	\$ 1,016	\$ (2,160)	\$ 270,561

Components of held to maturity securities portfolio are as follows:

	September 30, 2018			
	Amortized cost	Gross unrecognized gains	Gross unrecognized losses	Fair value
<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>				
Held to maturity				
Mortgage-backed GSE securities: residential	\$ 66,489	\$ —	\$ (3,637)	\$ 62,852
States of the U.S. and political subdivisions	12,211	19	(270)	11,960
Total	\$ 78,700	\$ 19	\$ (3,907)	\$ 74,812

	December 31, 2017			
	Amortized cost	Gross unrecognized gains	Gross unrecognized losses	Fair value
<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>				
Held to maturity				
Mortgage-backed GSE securities: residential	\$ 73,682	\$ —	\$ (890)	\$ 72,792
States of the U.S. and political subdivisions	9,229	112	(7)	9,334
Total	\$ 82,911	\$ 112	\$ (897)	\$ 82,126

Debt securities available for sale by contractual maturity, repricing or expected call date are shown below:

	September 30, 2018	
	Amortized cost	Fair value
<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>		
Due in one year or less	\$ —	\$ —
Due after one year through five years	53,014	51,087
Due after five years through ten years	72,006	68,758
Due after ten years	47,737	46,466
Mortgage-backed GSE securities: residential	79,599	75,795
Total	\$ 252,356	\$ 242,106

Debt securities held to maturity by contractual maturity, repricing or expected call date are shown below:

	September 30, 2018	
	Amortized cost	Fair value
	<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	
Due in one year or less	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,019
Due after one year through five years	—	—
Due after five years through ten years	8,437	8,181
Due after ten years	774	760
Mortgage-backed GSE securities: residential	66,489	62,852
Total	<u>\$ 78,700</u>	<u>\$ 74,812</u>

Securities pledged for public funds were approximately \$141.6 million at September 30, 2018 and approximately \$129.8 million at December 31, 2017.

Securities available for sale that have been in an unrealized loss position for less than twelve months or twelve months or more at September 30, 2018 are as follows:

	Less than 12 months		September 30, 2018 12 months or more		Total	
	Fair value	Unrealized loss	Fair value	Unrealized loss	Fair value	Unrealized loss
	<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>					
Description of securities:						
U.S. Treasury and government sponsored entities	\$ 34,659	\$ (1,351)	\$ 84,629	\$ (3,828)	\$ 119,288	\$ (5,179)
States of the U.S. and political subdivisions	33,187	(694)	13,473	(577)	46,660	(1,271)
Mortgage-backed GSE securities: residential	3,478	(133)	71,646	(3,699)	75,124	(3,832)
Total temporarily impaired securities	<u>\$ 71,324</u>	<u>\$ (2,178)</u>	<u>\$ 169,748</u>	<u>\$ (8,104)</u>	<u>\$ 241,072</u>	<u>\$ (10,282)</u>

Securities available for sale that have been in an unrealized loss position for less than twelve months or twelve months or more at December 31, 2017 are as follows:

	Less than 12 months		December 31, 2017 12 months or more		Total	
	Fair value	Unrealized loss	Fair value	Unrealized loss	Fair value	Unrealized loss
	<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>					
Description of securities:						
U.S. Treasury and government sponsored entities	\$ 99,766	\$ (734)	\$ 21,222	\$ (450)	\$ 120,988	\$ (1,184)
States of the U.S. and political subdivisions	—	—	14,009	(138)	14,009	(138)
Mortgage-backed GSE securities: residential	28,837	(154)	57,588	(684)	86,425	(838)
Total temporarily impaired securities	<u>\$ 128,603</u>	<u>\$ (888)</u>	<u>\$ 92,819</u>	<u>\$ (1,272)</u>	<u>\$ 221,422</u>	<u>\$ (2,160)</u>

All of the U.S. treasury and government sponsored entities and mortgage-backed securities available for sale that were temporarily impaired at September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, were impaired due to the level of interest rates at the time of purchase compared to current interest rates. Unrealized losses on these securities have not been recognized into income during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017 because the issuer's securities are of high credit quality (rated AA or higher). It is likely that management will not be required to sell the securities prior to their anticipated recovery and the decline in fair value is largely due to changes in interest rates and other market conditions. There is risk that longer term rates could rise further resulting in greater unrealized losses. The Company expects to realize all interest and principal on these securities and has no intent to sell, and more than likely will not be required to sell, these securities before their anticipated recovery.

All of the obligations of U.S. states and political subdivisions held for sale that were temporarily impaired at September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, were impaired due to the level of interest rates at the time of purchase compared to current interest rates. Unrealized losses on these securities have not been recognized into income for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018 or 2017 because the issuer's securities are of high credit quality (rated AA or higher), it is likely that management will not be required to sell, and has no intent to sell, the securities prior to their anticipated recovery, and the decline in fair value is largely due to changes in interest rates and other market conditions.

Securities held to maturity that have been in an unrecognized loss position for less than twelve months or twelve months or more are as follows:

Description of securities:	Less than 12 months		September 30, 2018 12 months or more		Total	
	Fair value	Unrealized loss	Fair value	Unrealized loss	Fair value	Unrealized loss
		Loss		Loss		Loss
			<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>			
Mortgage-backed GSE securities: residential	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 62,852	\$ (4,550)	\$ 62,852	\$ (4,550)
States of the U.S. and political subdivisions	8,357	(241)	584	(29)	8,941	(270)
Total temporarily impaired securities	<u>\$ 8,357</u>	<u>\$ (241)</u>	<u>\$ 63,436</u>	<u>\$ (4,579)</u>	<u>\$ 71,793</u>	<u>\$ (4,820)</u>

Description of securities:	Less than 12 months		December 31, 2017 12 months or more		Total	
	Fair value	Unrealized loss	Fair value	Unrealized loss	Fair value	Unrealized loss
		Loss		Loss		Loss
			<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>			
Mortgage-backed GSE securities: residential	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 72,792	\$ (1,925)	\$ 72,792	\$ (1,925)
States of the U.S. and political subdivisions	608	(7)	—	—	608	(7)
Total temporarily impaired securities	<u>\$ 608</u>	<u>\$ (7)</u>	<u>\$ 72,792</u>	<u>\$ (1,925)</u>	<u>\$ 73,400</u>	<u>\$ (1,932)</u>

During the third quarter of 2015, Home Savings transferred securities with a total amortized cost of \$105.3 million with a corresponding fair value of \$103.8 million from available for sale to held to maturity. The net unrealizable loss, net of taxes, on these securities at the date of transfer was \$999,000. The fair value at the date of transfer becomes the securities' new cost basis. The unrealized holding loss at the time of transfer continues to be reported in accumulated other comprehensive income, net of tax, and is amortized over the remaining lives of the securities as an adjustment of the yield. The amortization of the unamortized holding loss reported in accumulated other comprehensive income will directly offset the effect on interest income from the accretion of the reduced amortized cost for the transferred securities. Because of this transfer, the total losses less than 12 months and greater than 12 months reported in the table above will not agree to the unrealized losses reported in the inventory of held to maturity securities. The inventory table reports unrealized gains and losses based upon the transferred securities adjusted cost basis and current fair value. The reporting of losses less than 12 months and greater than 12 months represents that actual period of time that these securities have been in an unrealized loss position and the securities amortized cost basis as if the transfer did not occur.

All of the mortgage-backed securities held to maturity that were temporarily impaired at September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, were impaired due to the level of interest rates at the time of purchase compared to current interest rates. Unrealized losses on these securities have not been recognized into income for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017 because the issuer's securities are of high credit quality (rated AA or higher), it is likely that management will not be required to sell the securities prior to their anticipated recovery, and the decline in fair value is largely due to changes in interest rates and other market conditions. There is risk that longer term rates could rise further resulting in greater unrealized losses. The Company expects to realize all interest and principal on these securities and has no intent to sell and more than likely will not be required to sell these securities before their anticipated recovery.

All of the obligations of U.S. states and political subdivisions held to maturity that were temporarily impaired at September 30, 2018, and December 31, 2017, were impaired due to the level of interest rates at the time of purchase compared to current interest rates. Unrealized losses on these securities have not been recognized into income for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018 or 2017 because the issuer's securities are of high credit quality (rated AA or higher). It is likely that management will not be required to sell and has no intent to sell the securities prior to their anticipated recovery, and the decline in fair value is largely due to changes in interest rates and other market conditions.

Proceeds from the sale of available for sale securities were \$0 million and \$9.7 million, for the three months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively. Gross gains of \$0 and \$236,000 were realized on these sales during the three months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively. Gross losses of \$0 and \$0 were realized on these sales during these same periods.

Proceeds from the sale of available for sale securities were \$10.4 million and \$62.9 million, for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively. Gross gains of \$233,000 and \$610,000 were realized on these sales during the nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively. Gross losses of \$0 and \$44,000 were realized during the nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

6. LOANS

Portfolio loans consist of the following:

	September 30, 2018	December 31, 2017
<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>		
Commercial loans		
Multifamily	\$ 139,938	\$ 120,480
Nonresidential	408,938	381,611
Land	16,129	15,162
Construction	132,961	116,863
Secured	226,657	177,994
Unsecured	7,144	10,506
Total commercial loans	931,767	822,616
Residential mortgage loans		
One-to four-family	909,626	870,939
Construction	39,396	49,092
Total residential mortgage loans	949,022	920,031
Consumer loans		
Home equity	187,878	195,852
Auto	82,219	64,364
Marine	1,276	1,526
Recreational vehicle	4,546	5,696
Other	7,189	6,056
Total consumer loans	283,108	273,494
Total loans	2,163,897	2,016,141
Less:		
Allowance for loan losses	21,332	21,202
Deferred loan costs, net	(6,377)	(4,938)
Total	14,955	16,264
Loans, net	\$ 2,148,942	\$ 1,999,877

The following tables present the balance in the allowance for loan losses and the recorded investment in loans by portfolio segment and are based on impairment method as of September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017 and activity for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017.

Allowance For Loan Losses

	Commercial Loans	Residential Loans	Consumer Loans	Total
<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>				
For the three months ended September 30, 2018				
Beginning balance	\$ 12,808	\$ 5,867	\$ 2,730	\$ 21,405
Provision (recovery)	(128)	255	124	251
Charge-offs	(303)	(203)	(141)	(647)
Recoveries	205	62	56	323
Ending balance	<u>\$ 12,582</u>	<u>\$ 5,981</u>	<u>\$ 2,769</u>	<u>\$ 21,332</u>
For the nine months ended September 30, 2018				
Beginning balance	\$ 12,542	\$ 5,860	\$ 2,800	\$ 21,202
Provision	5	342	173	520
Charge-offs	(378)	(384)	(410)	(1,172)
Recoveries	413	163	206	782
Ending balance	<u>\$ 12,582</u>	<u>\$ 5,981</u>	<u>\$ 2,769</u>	<u>\$ 21,332</u>
As of September 30, 2018				
Period-end amount allocated to:				
Loans individually evaluated for impairment	\$ 514	\$ 817	\$ 306	1,637
Loans collectively evaluated for impairment	12,068	5,164	2,463	19,695
Loans acquired with deteriorated credit quality	—	—	—	—
Ending balance	<u>\$ 12,582</u>	<u>\$ 5,981</u>	<u>\$ 2,769</u>	<u>\$ 21,332</u>
Period-end balances:				
Loans individually evaluated for impairment	3,108	13,764	5,925	22,797
Loans collectively evaluated for impairment	927,576	935,258	277,183	2,140,017
Loans acquired with deteriorated credit quality	1,083	—	—	1,083
Ending balance	<u>\$ 931,767</u>	<u>\$ 949,022</u>	<u>\$ 283,108</u>	<u>\$ 2,163,897</u>

Allowance For Loan Losses

	Commercial Loans	Residential Loans	Consumer Loans	Total
For the three months ended September 30, 2017				
Beginning balance	\$ 10,821	\$ 5,968	\$ 2,871	\$ 19,660
Provision	512	369	(160)	721
Charge-offs	(12)	(427)	(147)	(586)
Recoveries	361	136	263	760
Ending balance	<u>\$ 11,682</u>	<u>\$ 6,046</u>	<u>\$ 2,827</u>	<u>\$ 20,555</u>
For the nine months ended September 30, 2017				
Beginning balance	\$ 10,824	\$ 5,538	\$ 2,725	\$ 19,087
Provision	1,537	1,234	267	3,038
Charge-offs	(1,335)	(930)	(626)	(2,891)
Recoveries	656	204	461	1,321
Ending balance	<u>\$ 11,682</u>	<u>\$ 6,046</u>	<u>\$ 2,827</u>	<u>\$ 20,555</u>
As of December 31, 2017				
Period-end amount allocated to:				
Loans individually evaluated for impairment	\$ 516	\$ 1,145	\$ 398	\$ 2,059
Loans collectively evaluated for impairment	11,971	4,715	2,402	19,088
Loans acquired with deteriorated credit quality	55	—	—	55
Ending balance	<u>\$ 12,542</u>	<u>\$ 5,860</u>	<u>\$ 2,800</u>	<u>\$ 21,202</u>
Period-end balances:				
Loans individually evaluated for impairment	\$ 3,356	\$ 16,140	\$ 6,754	\$ 26,250
Loans collectively evaluated for impairment	818,066	903,891	266,740	1,988,697
Loans acquired with deteriorated credit quality	1,194	—	—	1,194
Ending balance	<u>\$ 822,616</u>	<u>\$ 920,031</u>	<u>\$ 273,494</u>	<u>\$ 2,016,141</u>

The allowance for loan losses is a valuation allowance for probable incurred credit losses. Loan losses are charged against the allowance when management believes the uncollectibility of a loan balance is confirmed. Subsequent recoveries, if any, are credited to the allowance. Management estimates the allowance balance required based on an analysis using past loan loss experience, the nature and volume of the portfolio, information about specific borrower situations, estimated collateral values, general economic conditions in the market area and other factors. Allocations of the allowance may be made for specific loans, but the entire allowance is available for any loan that, in management's judgment, should be charged-off.

Other loans not reviewed specifically by management are evaluated as a homogenous group of loans (generally single-family residential mortgage loans and all consumer credits except marine loans) using a loss factor applied to the outstanding loan balance to determine the level of reserve required. This loss factor consists of two components, a quantitative and a qualitative component. The quantitative component is based on a historical analysis of all charged-off loans, net of recoveries. In determining the qualitative factors, consideration is given to such attributes as lending policies, economic conditions, nature and volume of the portfolio, management, loan quality trend, loan review, collateral value, concentrations, economic cycles and other external factors. As of September 30, 2018, the Company evaluated 25 quarters of net charge-off history and applied this information to the current period. This component is combined with the qualitative component to arrive at the loss factor, which is applied to the outstanding balance of homogenous loans.

The following table presents loans individually evaluated for impairment by class of loans as of and for nine months ended September 30, 2018:

Impaired Loans
(Dollars in thousands)

	Unpaid Principal Balance	Recorded Investment	Allowance for Loan Losses Allocated	Average Recorded Investment	Interest Income Recognized	Cash Basis Income Recognized
With no specific allowance recorded						
Commercial loans						
Multifamily	\$ 25	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
Nonresidential	624	134	—	108	5	5
Land	—	—	—	5	—	—
Construction	2,447	—	—	—	—	—
Secured	1,169	921	—	906	1	1
Unsecured	474	—	—	—	8	8
Total commercial loans	4,739	1,055	—	1,019	14	14
Residential mortgage loans						
One-to four-family	6,578	5,424	—	5,558	117	92
Construction	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total residential mortgage loans	6,578	5,424	—	5,558	117	92
Consumer loans						
Home equity	1,262	1,044	—	1,076	17	15
Auto	26	19	—	29	1	1
Marine	553	181	—	181	—	—
Recreational vehicle	652	218	—	146	15	9
Other	21	21	—	10	1	1
Total consumer loans	2,514	1,483	—	1,442	34	26
Total	\$ 13,831	\$ 7,962	\$ —	\$ 8,019	\$ 165	\$ 132
With a specific allowance recorded						
Commercial loans						
Multifamily	\$ 422	\$ 275	\$ 28	\$ 275	\$ —	\$ —
Nonresidential	1,216	1,210	13	1,320	65	65
Land	—	—	—	—	—	—
Construction	—	—	—	—	—	—
Secured	819	568	473	576	—	—
Unsecured	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total commercial loans	2,457	2,053	514	2,171	65	65
Residential mortgage loans						
One-to four-family	8,455	8,340	817	9,430	378	291
Construction	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total residential mortgage loans	8,455	8,340	817	9,430	378	291
Consumer loans						
Home equity	4,156	4,074	289	4,398	215	165
Auto	—	—	—	—	—	—
Marine	93	93	1	96	5	4
Recreational vehicle	287	275	16	364	17	13
Other	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total consumer loans	4,536	4,442	306	4,858	237	182
Total	15,448	14,835	1,637	16,459	680	538
Total impaired loans	\$ 29,279	\$ 22,797	\$ 1,637	\$ 24,478	\$ 845	\$ 670

The following table presents loans individually evaluated for impairment by class of loans as of and for nine months ended September 30, 2017:

Impaired Loans
(Dollars in thousands)

	Unpaid Principal Balance	Recorded Investment	Allowance for Loan Losses Allocated	Average Recorded Investment	Interest Income Recognized	Cash Basis Income Recognized
With no specific allowance recorded						
Commercial loans						
Multifamily	\$ 466	\$ 402	\$ —	\$ 309	\$ 3	\$ 3
Nonresidential	673	153	—	818	6	6
Land	715	9	—	15	—	—
Construction	2,467	—	—	—	—	—
Secured	263	210	—	195	1	1
Unsecured	194	—	—	—	—	—
Total commercial loans	<u>4,778</u>	<u>774</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>1,337</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>
Residential mortgage loans						
One-to four-family	6,793	5,814	—	6,025	81	73
Construction	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total residential mortgage loans	<u>6,793</u>	<u>5,814</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>6,025</u>	<u>81</u>	<u>73</u>
Consumer loans						
Home equity	1,556	1,177	—	1,477	11	11
Auto	8	1	—	9	—	—
Marine	540	169	—	200	—	—
Recreational vehicle	809	389	—	220	12	12
Other	1	1	—	—	—	—
Total consumer loans	<u>2,914</u>	<u>1,737</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>1,906</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>23</u>
Total	<u>\$ 14,485</u>	<u>\$ 8,325</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 9,268</u>	<u>\$ 114</u>	<u>\$ 106</u>
With a specific allowance recorded						
Commercial loans						
Multifamily	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
Nonresidential	1,582	1,548	16	2,010	86	85
Land	—	—	—	—	—	—
Construction	—	—	—	—	—	—
Secured	—	—	—	43	—	—
Unsecured	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total commercial loans	<u>1,582</u>	<u>1,548</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>2,053</u>	<u>86</u>	<u>85</u>
Residential mortgage loans						
One-to four-family	11,042	10,904	1,169	10,799	385	343
Construction	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total residential mortgage loans	<u>11,042</u>	<u>10,904</u>	<u>1,169</u>	<u>10,799</u>	<u>385</u>	<u>343</u>
Consumer loans						
Home equity	5,132	5,055	387	5,173	214	199
Auto	—	—	—	—	—	—
Marine	102	102	1	105	4	4
Recreational vehicle	432	420	23	616	14	14
Other	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total consumer loans	<u>5,666</u>	<u>5,577</u>	<u>411</u>	<u>5,894</u>	<u>232</u>	<u>217</u>
Total	<u>18,290</u>	<u>18,029</u>	<u>1,596</u>	<u>18,746</u>	<u>703</u>	<u>645</u>
Total impaired loans	<u>\$ 32,775</u>	<u>\$ 26,354</u>	<u>\$ 1,596</u>	<u>\$ 28,014</u>	<u>\$ 817</u>	<u>\$ 751</u>

The following table presents loans individually evaluated for impairment by class of loans as of December 31, 2017:

Impaired Loans
(Dollars in thousands)

	Unpaid Principal Balance	Recorded Investment	Allowance for Loan Losses Allocated
With no specific allowance recorded			
Commercial loans			
Multifamily	\$ 41	\$ —	\$ —
Nonresidential	651	144	—
Land	716	9	—
Construction	2,467	—	—
Secured	1,042	894	—
Unsecured	187	—	—
Total commercial loans	5,104	1,047	—
Residential mortgage loans			
One-to four-family	6,432	5,441	—
Construction	—	—	—
Total residential mortgage loans	6,432	5,441	—
Consumer loans			
Home equity	1,399	1,059	—
Auto	29	14	—
Marine	553	181	—
Recreational vehicle	578	151	—
Other	3	3	—
Total consumer loans	2,562	1,408	—
Total	\$ 14,098	\$ 7,896	\$ —
With a specific allowance recorded			
Commercial loans			
Multifamily	\$ 422	\$ 275	\$ 28
Nonresidential	1,455	1,423	16
Land	—	—	—
Construction	—	—	—
Secured	893	611	472
Unsecured	—	—	—
Total commercial loans	2,770	2,309	516
Residential mortgage loans			
One-to four-family	10,874	10,699	1,145
Construction	—	—	—
Total residential mortgage loans	10,874	10,699	1,145
Consumer loans			
Home equity	4,921	4,840	377
Auto	—	—	—
Marine	100	100	1
Recreational vehicle	418	406	20
Other	—	—	—
Total consumer loans	5,439	5,346	398
Total	19,083	18,354	2,059
Total impaired loans	\$ 33,181	\$ 26,250	\$ 2,059

The following table presents the average balance, interest income recognized and cash basis income recognized for loans individually evaluated for impairment by class of loans for the three months ended September 30, 2018:

	Average Recorded Investment	Interest Income Recognized	Cash Basis Income Recognized
With no specific allowance recorded			
Commercial loans			
Multifamily	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
Nonresidential	136	1	1
Land	—	—	—
Construction	—	—	—
Secured	914	—	—
Unsecured	—	8	8
Total commercial loans	1,050	9	9
Residential mortgage loans			
One-to four-family	5,709	41	32
Construction	—	—	—
Total residential mortgage loans	5,709	41	32
Consumer loans			
Home equity	1,134	6	4
Auto	21	1	1
Marine	181	—	—
Recreational vehicle	159	9	4
Other	11	1	1
Total consumer loans	1,506	17	10
Total	\$ 8,265	\$ 67	\$ 51
With a specific allowance recorded			
Commercial loans			
Multifamily	\$ 275	\$ —	\$ —
Nonresidential	1,221	13	13
Land	—	—	—
Construction	—	—	—
Secured	568	—	—
Unsecured	—	—	—
Total commercial loans	2,064	13	13
Residential mortgage loans			
One-to four-family	8,401	147	98
Construction	—	—	—
Total residential mortgage loans	8,401	147	98
Consumer loans			
Home equity	4,138	92	56
Auto	—	—	—
Marine	94	2	1
Recreational vehicle	328	8	4
Other	—	—	—
Total consumer loans	4,560	102	61
Total	15,025	262	172
Total impaired loans	\$ 23,290	\$ 329	\$ 223

The following table presents the average balance, interest income recognized and cash basis income recognized for loans individually evaluated for impairment by class of loans for the three months ended September 30, 2017:

	Average Recorded Investment	Interest Income Recognized	Cash Basis Income Recognized
With no specific allowance recorded			
Commercial loans			
Multifamily	\$ 408	\$ —	\$ —
Nonresidential	809	3	3
Land	9	—	—
Construction	—	—	—
Secured	200	1	1
Unsecured	—	—	—
Total commercial loans	<u>1,426</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>
Residential mortgage loans			
One-to four-family	5,788	35	33
Construction	—	—	—
Total residential mortgage loans	<u>5,788</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>33</u>
Consumer loans			
Home equity	1,356	4	4
Auto	10	—	—
Marine	169	—	—
Recreational vehicle	271	3	3
Other	1	—	—
Total consumer loans	<u>1,807</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>
Total	<u>\$ 9,021</u>	<u>\$ 46</u>	<u>\$ 44</u>
With a specific allowance recorded			
Commercial loans			
Multifamily	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
Nonresidential	1,002	26	26
Land	—	—	—
Construction	—	—	—
Secured	—	—	—
Unsecured	—	—	—
Total commercial loans	<u>1,002</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>26</u>
Residential mortgage loans			
One-to four-family	10,666	112	112
Construction	—	—	—
Total residential mortgage loans	<u>10,666</u>	<u>112</u>	<u>112</u>
Consumer loans			
Home equity	4,987	65	65
Auto	—	—	—
Marine	103	1	1
Recreational vehicle	556	5	5
Other	—	—	—
Total consumer loans	<u>5,646</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>71</u>
Total	<u>17,314</u>	<u>209</u>	<u>209</u>
Total impaired loans	<u>\$ 26,335</u>	<u>\$ 255</u>	<u>\$ 253</u>

Home Savings reclassifies a collateralized mortgage loan and a consumer loan secured by real estate to real estate owned and other repossessed assets once it has either obtained legal title to the real estate collateral or the borrower voluntarily conveys all interest in the real property to the Bank to satisfy the loan through a deed in lieu of foreclosure or similar legal agreement. The table below presents loans that are in the process of foreclosure at September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, but legal title, deed in lieu of foreclosure or similar legal agreement to the property has not yet been obtained:

	September 30, 2018		December 31, 2017	
	Unpaid Principal Balance	Recorded Investment	Unpaid Principal Balance	Recorded Investment
	<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>		<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	
Mortgage loans in process of foreclosure	\$ 3,982	\$ 3,735	\$ 2,588	\$ 2,428
Consumer loans in process of foreclosure	938	840	613	608

The following table presents the recorded investment in nonaccrual loans and loans past due over 90 days and still on accrual by class of loans as of September 30, 2018:

Nonaccrual Loans and Loans Past Due Over 90 Days and Still Accruing
As of September 30, 2018

	Nonaccrual	Loans past due over 90 days and still accruing
	<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	
Commercial loans		
Multifamily	\$ 275	\$ —
Nonresidential	1,101	—
Land	—	—
Construction	—	—
Secured	1,489	—
Unsecured	—	—
Total commercial loans	2,865	—
Residential mortgage loans		
One-to four-family	4,426	—
Construction	—	—
Total residential mortgage loans	4,426	—
Consumer Loans		
Home equity	1,431	—
Auto	42	—
Marine	181	—
Recreational vehicle	98	—
Other	18	—
Total consumer loans	1,770	—
Total nonaccrual loans and loans past due over 90 days and still accruing	\$ 9,061	\$ —

The following table presents the recorded investment in nonaccrual loans and loans past due over 90 days and still on accrual by class of loans as of December 31, 2017:

Nonaccrual Loans and Loans Past Due Over 90 Days and Still Accruing
As of December 31, 2017

	Nonaccrual	Loans past due over 90 days and still accruing
	<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	
Commercial loans		
Multifamily	\$ 275	\$ —
Nonresidential	1,218	—
Land	9	—
Construction	—	—
Secured	1,505	—
Unsecured	—	—
Total commercial loans	<u>3,007</u>	<u>—</u>
Residential mortgage loans		
One-to four-family	6,076	—
Construction	—	—
Total residential mortgage loans	<u>6,076</u>	<u>—</u>
Consumer Loans		
Home equity	2,074	—
Auto	155	—
Marine	181	—
Recreational vehicle	208	—
Other	2	—
Total consumer loans	<u>2,620</u>	<u>—</u>
Total nonaccrual loans and loans past due over 90 days and still accruing	<u>\$ 11,703</u>	<u>\$ —</u>

The following table presents an age analysis of past-due loans, segregated by class of loans as of September 30, 2018:

Past Due Loans
(Dollars in thousands)

	30-59 Days Past Due	60-89 Days Past Due	Greater than 90 Days Past Due	Total Past Due	Current Loans	Total Loans
Commercial loans						
Multifamily	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 275	\$ 275	\$ 139,663	\$ 139,938
Nonresidential	—	—	1,087	1,087	407,851	408,938
Land	—	—	—	—	16,129	16,129
Construction	—	—	—	—	132,961	132,961
Secured	95	—	1,489	1,584	225,073	226,657
Unsecured	—	—	—	—	7,144	7,144
Total commercial loans	95	—	2,851	2,946	928,821	931,767
Residential mortgage loans						
One-to four-family	3,478	1,757	3,665	8,900	900,726	909,626
Construction	—	—	—	—	39,396	39,396
Total residential mortgage loans	3,478	1,757	3,665	8,900	940,122	949,022
Consumer Loans:						
Home equity	516	324	1,352	2,192	185,686	187,878
Automobile	334	35	42	411	81,808	82,219
Marine	—	—	181	181	1,095	1,276
Recreational vehicle	129	8	91	228	4,318	4,546
Other	2	3	18	23	7,166	7,189
Total consumer loans	981	370	1,684	3,035	280,073	283,108
Total loans	<u>\$ 4,554</u>	<u>\$ 2,127</u>	<u>\$ 8,200</u>	<u>\$ 14,881</u>	<u>\$ 2,149,016</u>	<u>\$ 2,163,897</u>

The following table presents an age analysis of past-due loans, segregated by class of loans as of December 31, 2017:

Past Due Loans
(Dollars in thousands)

	30-59 Days Past Due	60-89 Days Past Due	Greater than 90 Days Past Due	Total Past Due	Current Loans	Total Loans
Commercial loans						
Multifamily	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 275	\$ 275	\$ 120,205	\$ 120,480
Nonresidential	20	—	1,199	1,219	380,392	381,611
Land	—	—	9	9	15,153	15,162
Construction	—	—	—	—	116,863	116,863
Secured	114	4	110	228	177,766	177,994
Unsecured	—	—	—	—	10,506	10,506
Total commercial loans	<u>134</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1,593</u>	<u>1,731</u>	<u>820,885</u>	<u>822,616</u>
Residential mortgage loans						
One-to four-family	4,704	1,523	4,804	11,031	859,908	870,939
Construction	—	—	—	—	49,092	49,092
Total residential mortgage loans	<u>4,704</u>	<u>1,523</u>	<u>4,804</u>	<u>11,031</u>	<u>909,000</u>	<u>920,031</u>
Consumer Loans:						
Home equity	1,184	120	1,793	3,097	192,755	195,852
Automobile	187	100	82	369	63,995	64,364
Marine	—	—	181	181	1,345	1,526
Recreational vehicle	47	—	165	212	5,484	5,696
Other	31	3	2	36	6,020	6,056
Total consumer loans	<u>1,449</u>	<u>223</u>	<u>2,223</u>	<u>3,895</u>	<u>269,599</u>	<u>273,494</u>
Total loans	<u>\$ 6,287</u>	<u>\$ 1,750</u>	<u>\$ 8,620</u>	<u>\$ 16,657</u>	<u>\$ 1,999,484</u>	<u>\$ 2,016,141</u>

As of September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, the Company has a recorded investment in troubled debt restructurings of \$17.6 million and \$19.8 million, respectively. The Company allocated \$1.1 million of specific allowance for those loans at September 30, 2018 and \$1.6 million at December 31, 2017. The Company has committed to lend, to existing troubled debt restructuring relationships, additional amounts totaling up to \$40,000 and \$37,000 at September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively.

There were no loans modified as troubled debt restructurings during the three months ended September 30, 2018.

The following table presents loans by class modified as troubled debt restructurings that occurred during the three months ended September 30, 2017:

	Number of Loans	Pre-Modification Outstanding Recorded Investment	Post-Modification Recorded Investment
<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>			
Commercial loans			
Multifamily	—	\$ —	\$ —
Nonresidential	—	—	—
Land	—	—	—
Construction	—	—	—
Secured	—	—	—
Unsecured	—	—	—
Total commercial loans	—	—	—
Residential mortgage loans			
One-to four-family	1	147	169
Construction	—	—	—
Total residential mortgage loans	1	147	169
Consumer loans			
Home equity	—	—	—
Auto	—	—	—
Marine	—	—	—
Recreational vehicle	—	—	—
Other	—	—	—
Total consumer loans	—	—	—
Total restructured loans	<u>1</u>	<u>\$ 147</u>	<u>\$ 169</u>

The troubled debt restructuring described above had no effect on the allowance for loan losses and resulted in no charge-offs during the three months ended September, 2017.

The following table presents loans by class modified as troubled debt restructurings that occurred during the nine months ended September 30, 2018:

	Number of Loans	Pre-Modification Outstanding Recorded Investment	Post-Modification Recorded Investment
(In thousands)			
Commercial loans			
Multifamily	—	\$ —	\$ —
Nonresidential	1	124	124
Land	—	—	—
Construction	—	—	—
Secured	—	—	—
Unsecured	—	—	—
Total commercial loans	1	124	124
Residential mortgage loans			
One-to four-family	3	521	547
Construction	—	—	—
Total residential mortgage loans	3	521	547
Consumer loans			
Home equity	2	113	113
Auto	—	—	—
Marine	—	—	—
Recreational vehicle	—	—	—
Other	—	—	—
Total consumer loans	2	113	113
Total restructured loans	6	\$ 758	\$ 784

The troubled debt restructurings described above increased the allowance for loan losses by \$3,000 and resulted in no charge-offs during the nine months ended September 30, 2018.

The following table presents loans by class modified as troubled debt restructurings that occurred during the nine months ended September 30, 2017:

	Number of Loans	Pre-Modification Outstanding Recorded Investment	Post-Modification Recorded Investment
<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>			
Commercial loans			
Multifamily	—	\$ —	\$ —
Nonresidential	—	—	—
Land	—	—	—
Construction	—	—	—
Secured	—	—	—
Unsecured	—	—	—
Total commercial loans	—	—	—
Residential mortgage loans			
One-to four-family	2	222	253
Construction	—	—	—
Total residential mortgage loans	2	222	253
Consumer loans			
Home equity	—	—	—
Auto	—	—	—
Marine	—	—	—
Recreational vehicle	1	115	115
Other	—	—	—
Total consumer loans	1	115	115
Total restructured loans	<u>3</u>	<u>\$ 337</u>	<u>\$ 368</u>

The troubled debt restructurings described above increased the allowance for loan losses by \$6,000 and resulted in no charge-offs during the nine months ended September 30, 2017.

The following table presents loans by class modified as troubled debt restructurings for which there was a payment default within a twelve-month cycle following the modification during the period ended September 30, 2018.

	Number of loans	Recorded Investment <i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>
Commercial loans		
Multifamily	—	\$ —
Nonresidential	—	—
Land	—	—
Construction	—	—
Secured	—	—
Unsecured	—	—
Total commercial loans	—	—
Residential mortgage loans		
One-to four-family	1	196
Construction	—	—
Total residential mortgage loans	1	196
Consumer loans		
Home equity	—	—
Auto	—	—
Marine	—	—
Recreational vehicle	—	—
Other	—	—
Total consumer loans	—	—
Total restructured loans	<u>1</u>	<u>\$ 196</u>

The troubled debt restructurings that subsequently defaulted described above resulted in no charge-offs during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018, and had no effect on the provision for loan losses.

The following table presents loans by class modified as troubled debt restructurings for which there was a payment default within a twelve month cycle following the modification during the period ended September 30, 2017:

	Number of loans	Recorded Investment <i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>
Commercial loans		
Multifamily	—	\$ —
Nonresidential	—	—
Land	—	—
Construction	—	—
Secured	—	—
Unsecured	—	—
Total commercial loans	—	—
Residential mortgage loans		
One-to four-family	1	162
Construction	—	—
Total residential mortgage loans	1	162
Consumer loans		
Home equity	1	47
Auto	—	—
Marine	—	—
Recreational vehicle	—	—
Other	—	—
Total consumer loans	<u>1</u>	<u>47</u>
Total restructured loans	<u>2</u>	<u>\$ 209</u>

The troubled debt restructurings that subsequently defaulted described above resulted in no charge-offs during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017, and had no effect on the provision for loan losses.

A troubled debt restructuring is considered to be in payment default once it is 30 days contractually past due under the modified terms.

In order to determine whether a borrower is experiencing financial difficulty, an evaluation is performed of the probability that the borrower will be in payment default on any of its debt in the foreseeable future without the modification. This evaluation is performed in accordance with the Company's internal underwriting policy.

Credit Quality Indicators:

The Company categorizes loans into risk categories based on relevant information about the ability of borrowers to service their debt, such as: current financial information, historical payment experience, credit documentation, public information and current economic trends. The Company analyzes loans individually by classifying the loans as to credit risk. This analysis includes homogeneous loans past due 90 cumulative days, and all non-homogeneous loans, including commercial loans and commercial real estate loans. Smaller balance homogeneous loans are primarily monitored by payment status.

Asset quality ratings are divided into two groups: Pass (unclassified) and Classified. Within the unclassified group, certain loans that display potential weakness are risk rated as special mention. In addition, there are three classified risk ratings: substandard, doubtful and loss. These specific credit risk categories are defined as follows:

Special Mention. Loans classified as special mention have potential weakness that deserves management's close attention. If left uncorrected, these potential weaknesses may result in deterioration of the repayment prospects for the loan or of the institution's credit position at some future date.

Substandard. Loans classified as substandard are inadequately protected by the current net worth and paying capacity of the obligor or of the collateral pledged, if any. Loans so classified have a well-defined weakness or weaknesses that jeopardize the liquidation of the debt. They are characterized by the distinct possibility that the institution will sustain some loss if the deficiencies are not corrected.

Doubtful. Loans classified as doubtful have all the weaknesses inherent in those classified as substandard, with the added characteristic that the weaknesses make collection or liquidation in full, on the basis of currently existing facts, conditions and values, highly questionable and improbable.

Loss. Loans classified as loss are considered uncollectible and of such little value, that continuance as assets is not warranted. Although there may be a chance of recovery on these assets, it is not practical or desirable to defer writing off the asset.

The Company monitors loans on a monthly basis to determine if they should be included in one of the categories listed above. All impaired non-homogeneous credits classified as substandard, doubtful or loss are analyzed on an individual basis for a specific reserve requirement. This analysis is performed on each individual credit at least annually or more frequently if warranted.

As of September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, and based on the most recent analysis performed, the risk category of loans by class of loans is as follows:

September 30, 2018
(Dollars in thousands)

	Unclassified		Classified				Total Loans
	Unclassified	Special Mention	Substandard	Doubtful	Loss	Total Classified	
Commercial Loans							
Multifamily	\$ 138,378	\$ 1,285	\$ 275	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 275	\$ 139,938
Nonresidential	393,138	3,225	12,575	—	—	12,575	408,938
Land	16,129	—	—	—	—	—	16,129
Construction	132,961	—	—	—	—	—	132,961
Secured	205,371	1,862	19,424	—	—	19,424	226,657
Unsecured	7,051	—	93	—	—	93	7,144
Total commercial loans	893,028	6,372	32,367	—	—	32,367	931,767
Residential mortgage loans							
One-to four-family	902,809	596	6,221	—	—	6,221	909,626
Construction	39,396	—	—	—	—	—	39,396
Total residential mortgage loans	942,205	596	6,221	—	—	6,221	949,022
Consumer Loans							
Home equity	186,448	—	1,430	—	—	1,430	187,878
Auto	82,177	—	42	—	—	42	82,219
Marine	1,095	—	181	—	—	181	1,276
Recreational vehicle	4,448	—	98	—	—	98	4,546
Other	7,168	—	21	—	—	21	7,189
Total consumer loans	281,336	—	1,772	—	—	1,772	283,108
Total loans	<u>\$ 2,116,569</u>	<u>\$ 6,968</u>	<u>\$ 40,360</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 40,360</u>	<u>\$ 2,163,897</u>

December 31, 2017
(Dollars in thousands)

	Unclassified		Classified				Total Loans
	Unclassified	Special Mention	Substandard	Doubtful	Loss	Total Classified	
Commercial Loans							
Multifamily	\$ 118,716	\$ 1,334	\$ 430	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 430	\$ 120,480
Nonresidential	367,553	6,394	7,664	—	—	7,664	381,611
Land	15,153	—	9	—	—	9	15,162
Construction	116,460	403	—	—	—	—	116,863
Secured	149,912	6,092	21,990	—	—	21,990	177,994
Unsecured	10,412	—	94	—	—	94	10,506
Total commercial loans	778,206	14,223	30,187	—	—	30,187	822,616
Residential mortgage loans							
One-to four-family	861,971	1,585	7,383	—	—	7,383	870,939
Construction	49,092	—	—	—	—	—	49,092
Total residential mortgage loans	911,063	1,585	7,383	—	—	7,383	920,031
Consumer Loans							
Home equity	193,733	—	2,119	—	—	2,119	195,852
Auto	64,209	—	155	—	—	155	64,364
Marine	1,345	—	181	—	—	181	1,526
Recreational vehicle	5,488	—	208	—	—	208	5,696
Other	6,051	—	5	—	—	5	6,056
Total consumer loans	270,826	—	2,668	—	—	2,668	273,494
Total loans	<u>\$ 1,960,095</u>	<u>\$ 15,808</u>	<u>\$ 40,238</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 40,238</u>	<u>\$ 2,016,141</u>

Purchased Credit Impaired Loans:

The Company has purchased loans for which there was, at acquisition, evidence of deterioration of credit quality since origination and it was probable, at acquisition, that all contractually required payments would not be collected. The carrying amount of those loans is as follows:

	September 30, 2018	December 31, 2017
	<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	
Commercial loans	\$ 1,083	\$ 1,194
Residential mortgage loans	—	—
Consumer loans	—	—
Outstanding balance	<u>\$ 1,083</u>	<u>\$ 1,194</u>
Carrying amount, net of allowance of \$0 and \$55,000	1,083	1,139

Accretable yield, or income expected to be collected, is as follows:

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2018	Three Months Ended September 30, 2017	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2018	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2017
	<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>			
Beginning of period	\$ 104	\$ 116	\$ 110	\$ —
New loans purchased	—	—	—	158
Accretion of income	—	6	6	48
Balance at end of period	<u>\$ 104</u>	<u>\$ 110</u>	<u>\$ 104</u>	<u>\$ 110</u>

For the purchased credit impaired loans disclosed above, there was a decrease of \$55,000 in the allowance for loan losses for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018 and there was no change in the allowance for loan losses for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017.

Income is not recognized on purchased credit impaired loans if the Company cannot reasonably estimate cash flows expected to be collected. The carrying amounts of such loans are as follows:

	September 30, 2018	September 30, 2017
	<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	
Loans at beginning of period	\$ 1,194	\$ —
Loans purchased during the period	—	1,797
Loans at end of period	1,083	1,204

7. MORTGAGE BANKING ACTIVITIES

Mortgage loans serviced for others, which are not reported in United Community's assets, totaled \$1.4 billion as of September 30, 2018 and \$1.3 billion as of December 31, 2017. Mortgage banking income is comprised of gains recognized on the sale of loans and changes in fair value of mortgage banking derivatives.

The principal balances of mortgage loans serviced for others are as follows:

	September 30, 2018	December 31, 2017
	<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	
Mortgage loan portfolios serviced for:		
FHLMC	\$ 1,007,223	\$ 1,003,441
FNMA	326,200	242,444
Private investor	16,404	23,404

During the second quarter of 2017, the Company sold \$27.9 million of adjustable rate one-to four-family mortgages to a private investor in a bulk mortgage loan sale. The Company recognized 45 basis points of mortgage service release premium as part of the gain recognized on this sale. Customer escrow balances with loans serviced for FHLMC, FNMA and the private investor totaled \$9.6 million and \$15.3 million at September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively.

Activity for capitalized mortgage servicing rights, included in other assets, was as follows:

	For the Three Months Ended September 30,		For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2018	2017	2018	2017
	<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>			
Balance, beginning of period	\$ 6,942	\$ 6,161	\$ 6,681	\$ 6,070
Originations	928	793	2,231	1,819
Amortized to expense	(477)	(491)	(1,519)	(1,426)
Balance, end of period	7,393	6,463	7,393	6,463
Less valuation allowance	(26)	(15)	(26)	(15)
Net balance	<u>\$ 7,367</u>	<u>\$ 6,448</u>	<u>\$ 7,367</u>	<u>\$ 6,448</u>

Activity in the valuation allowance for mortgage servicing rights was as follows:

	For the Three Months Ended September 30,		For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2018	2017	2018	2017
	<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>			
Balance, beginning of period	\$ (20)	\$ (5)	\$ (9)	\$ —
Impairment charges	(6)	(10)	(26)	(15)
Recoveries	—	—	9	—
Balance, end of period	<u>\$ (26)</u>	<u>\$ (15)</u>	<u>\$ (26)</u>	<u>\$ (15)</u>

The fair value of mortgage servicing rights as of September 30, 2018, was approximately \$11.7 million and at December 31, 2017, the fair value was approximately \$10.9 million.

Key economic assumptions in measuring the value of mortgage servicing rights at September 30, 2018, and December 31, 2017, were as follows:

	September 30, 2018	December 31, 2017
Weighted average prepayment rate	136 PSA	181 PSA
Weighted average life (in years)	7.55	6.35
Weighted average discount rate	11.00%	9.00%

8. OTHER REAL ESTATE OWNED AND OTHER REPOSSESSED ASSETS

Real estate owned and other repossessed assets at September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017 were as follows:

	September 30, 2018	December 31, 2017
	<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	
Real estate owned and other repossessed assets	\$ 1,204	\$ 1,656
Valuation allowance	(297)	(403)
End of period	<u>\$ 907</u>	<u>\$ 1,253</u>

Activity in the valuation allowance was as follows:

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30, 2018	September 30, 2017	September 30, 2018	September 30, 2017
	<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>			
Beginning of period	\$ 248	\$ 389	\$ 403	\$ 1,012
Additions (recoveries) charged to expense	49	53	82	15
Sales of real estate owned with a valuation allowance	—	(19)	(188)	(604)
End of period	<u>\$ 297</u>	<u>\$ 423</u>	<u>\$ 297</u>	<u>\$ 423</u>

Expenses related to foreclosed and repossessed assets include:

	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	September 30, 2018	September 30, 2017	September 30, 2018	September 30, 2017
	<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>			
Net loss on sales	\$ (4)	\$ 20	\$ 154	\$ 128
Provision for (recovery of) unrealized losses	49	53	82	15
Operating expenses, net of rental income	25	33	95	118
Total expenses	<u>\$ 70</u>	<u>\$ 106</u>	<u>\$ 331</u>	<u>\$ 261</u>

9. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT

Fair value is the exchange price that would be received for an asset if paid to transfer a liability (exit price) in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date. There are three levels of inputs that may be used to measure fair value:

Level 1: Quoted prices (unadjusted) for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the entity has the ability to access as of the measurement date.

Level 2: Significant other observable inputs other than Level 1 prices, such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities; quoted prices in markets that are not active; or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data.

Level 3: Significant unobservable inputs that reflect a reporting entity's own beliefs about the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability.

United Community uses the following methods and significant assumptions to estimate the fair value of each type of financial instrument:

Available for sale securities: The fair values of securities available for sale are determined by obtaining quoted prices on nationally recognized securities exchanges (Level 1 inputs). For securities where quoted prices are not available, fair values are calculated based on market prices of similar securities (Level 2), using matrix pricing. Matrix pricing is a mathematical technique commonly used to price debt securities that are not actively traded, values debt securities without relying on the securities' relationship to other benchmark quoted securities (Level 2 inputs).

Impaired loans: At the time a loan is considered impaired, it is valued at the lower of cost or fair value. Impaired loans carried at fair value generally receive specific allocations of the allowance for loan losses. For collateral dependent loans, fair value is commonly based on recent real estate appraisals. These appraisals may utilize a single valuation approach or a combination of approaches including comparable sales and the income approach. Adjustments are routinely made in the appraisal process by the independent appraisers to adjust for differences between the comparable sales and income data available. Such adjustments are usually significant and typically result in a Level 3 classification of the inputs for determining fair value. Non-real estate collateral may be valued using an appraisal, net book value per the borrower's financial statements, or aging reports, adjusted or discounted based on management's historical knowledge, changes in market conditions from the time of the valuation, and management's expertise and knowledge of the client and client's business, resulting in a Level 3 fair value classification. Impaired loans are evaluated on a quarterly basis for additional impairment and adjusted accordingly.

Other real estate owned: Assets acquired through or instead of loan foreclosure are initially recorded at fair value less costs to sell when acquired, establishing a new cost basis. These assets are subsequently accounted for at lower of cost or fair value less estimated costs to sell. Fair value is commonly based on recent real estate appraisals. These appraisals may utilize a single valuation approach or a combination of approaches including comparable sales and the income approach. Adjustments are routinely made in the appraisal process by the independent appraisers to adjust for differences between the comparable sales and income data available. Such adjustments are usually significant and typically result in a Level 3 classification of the inputs for determining fair value. Real estate owned properties are individually evaluated at least annually for additional impairment and adjusted accordingly.

Appraisals for both collateral-dependent impaired loans and other real estate owned are performed by certified appraisers (for commercial properties) or certified residential appraisers (for residential properties) whose qualifications and licenses have been reviewed and verified by Home Savings. Once received, a member of the Special Assets Department reviews the assumptions and approaches utilized in the appraisal as well as the overall resulting fair value in comparison with the independent data sources such as recent market data or industry-wide statistics. In addition to the Special Assets Department review, a third party independent review is also performed. On an annual basis, Home Savings compares the actual selling price of collateral that has been sold to the most recent appraised value to determine what additional adjustment should be made to the appraisal value to arrive at fair value. At the time a property is acquired and classified as real estate owned, the fair value is determined utilizing the most appropriate method. A fair value in excess of \$250,000 will be supported by an appraisal. After determination of fair value, each property will be recorded at the lower of cost (i.e., recorded investment in the loan) or the estimated net realizable value on the date of transfer to real estate owned. In determining net realizable value, reductions to fair market value may be taken for estimated costs of sale, conditions that must be remedied immediately upon acquisition, and other factors that negatively impact the marketability and prompt sale of the property.

Mortgage servicing rights: On a quarterly basis, loan servicing rights are evaluated for impairment based upon the fair value of the rights as compared to carrying amount. If the carrying amount of an individual tranche exceeds fair value, impairment is recorded on that tranche so that the servicing asset is carried at fair value. Fair value is determined at a tranche level, based on market prices for comparable mortgage servicing contracts, when available, or alternatively based on a valuation model that calculates the present value of estimated future net servicing income. The valuation model utilizes assumptions that market participants would use in estimating future net servicing income and that can be validated against available market data (Level 2).

Loans held for sale: Loans held for sale are carried at the lower of cost or fair value, which is evaluated on a pool-level basis. The fair value of loans held for sale is determined using quoted prices for similar assets, adjusted for specific attributes of that loan or other observable market data, such as outstanding commitments from third party investors (Level 2).

Loans held for sale, at fair value: The Company elected the fair value option for all conventional residential one-to four-family loans held for sale originated after January 1, 2016 and all permanent construction loans held for sale originated on or after January 1, 2015. The fair value of conventional loans held for sale is determined using the current 15 day forward contract price for either 15 or 30 year conventional mortgages (Level 2).

The fair value of the Company's permanent construction loans held for sale is determined using the current 60 day forward contract price for 30 year conventional loans which is then adjusted by extrapolating this rate to the estimated time period remaining until construction is complete. The fair value is also adjusted for unobservable market data such as estimated fall out rates and the estimated time from origination to completion of construction (Level 3).

Purchased and written certificate of deposit option: Home Savings periodically enters into written and purchased option derivative instruments to facilitate the Power CD. The written and purchased options are mirror derivative instruments which are carried at fair value on the consolidated balance sheets. Home Savings uses an independent third party that performs a market valuation analysis for purchased and written certificate of deposit options. (Level 2).

Interest rate swaps: The fair values of interest rate swaps are based on valuation models using observable market data as of the measurement date (Level 2). Home Savings' interest rate swaps are traded in an over-the-counter market where quoted market prices are not always available. Therefore, the fair values of interest rate swaps are determined using quantitative models that utilize multiple market inputs. The inputs will vary based on the type of derivative, but could include interest rates, prices and indices to generate continuous yield or pricing curves, prepayment rates, and volatility factors to value the position. The majority of market inputs are actively quoted and can be validated through external sources, including brokers, market transactions and third-party pricing services.

Assets and Liabilities Measured on a Recurring Basis: Assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis are summarized below:

	Fair Value Measurements at September 30, 2018 Using:			
	September 30, 2018	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>				
Assets:				
Available for sale securities				
U.S. Treasury and government sponsored entities' securities	\$ 119,288	\$ —	\$ 119,288	\$ —
States of the U.S. and political subdivisions	47,023	—	47,023	—
Mortgage-backed GSE securities: residential	75,795	—	75,795	—
Loans held for sale, at fair value	95,235	—	14,308	80,927
Purchased certificate of deposit option	459	—	459	—
Interest rate swaps	21	—	21	—
Liabilities				
Written certificate of deposit option	(459)	—	(459)	—
Interest rate swaps	(25)	—	(25)	—

	Fair Value Measurements at December 31, 2017 Using:			
	December 31, 2017	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>				
Assets:				
Available for sale securities				
U.S. Treasury and government sponsored entities' securities	\$ 123,817	\$ —	\$ 123,817	\$ —
States of the U.S. and political subdivisions	59,623	—	59,623	—
Mortgage-backed GSE securities: residential	87,121	—	87,121	—
Loans held for sale, at fair value	83,541	—	18,525	65,016
Purchased certificate of deposit option	809	—	809	—
Liabilities				
Written certificate of deposit option	(809)	—	(809)	—

There were no transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 during the first nine months of 2018 or fiscal year 2017.

The table below presents a reconciliation of all assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) for the three months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017.

	Loans Held for Sale, At Fair Value			
	For the Three Months Ended September 30,		For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2018	2017	2018	2017
	<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>			
Balance of recurring Level 3 assets at beginning of period	\$ 76,690	\$ 69,995	\$ 65,016	\$ 53,761
Total gains (losses) for the period				
Included in change in fair value of loans held for sale	(77)	1,145	(2,216)	3,557
Included in other comprehensive income	—	—	—	—
Originations/Draws on construction perm loans	32,581	28,864	94,908	80,109
Amortization	—	—	—	—
Sales	(28,267)	(29,766)	(76,781)	(67,189)
Balance of recurring Level 3 assets at end of period	\$ 80,927	\$ 70,238	\$ 80,927	\$ 70,238

The following table presents quantitative information about recurring Level 3 fair value measurements at September 30, 2018:

	Fair Value	Valuation Technique(s)	Unobservable Input(s)	Range
Loans held for sale, at fair value	\$ 80,927	Comparable sales	Time discount	0.00-2.00%

The following table presents quantitative information about recurring Level 3 fair value measurements at December 31, 2017:

	Fair Value	Valuation Technique(s)	Unobservable Input(s)	Range
Construction loans held for sale	\$ 65,016	Comparable sales	Time discount	0.00-1.96%

The fair value of loans held for sale, at fair value was determined using pricing from a quoted market, discounted for the length of time to the completion of the construction project.

Assets and Liabilities Measured on a Non-Recurring Basis: Assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis are summarized below:

	Fair Value Measurements at September 30, 2018 Using:			
	September 30, 2018	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
	<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>			
Assets:				
Impaired loans:				
Commercial loans				
Multifamily	\$ 247	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 247
Residential loans				
One-to four-family residential	130	—	—	130
Consumer loans				
Auto	16	—	—	16
Marine	38	—	—	38
Mortgage servicing rights	282	—	282	—
Other real estate owned, net				
Commercial loans				
Construction loans	197	—	—	197
Residential loans				
One-to four-family residential	145	—	—	145

	Fair Value Measurements at December 31, 2017 Using:			
	December 31, 2017	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>				
Assets:				
Impaired loans:				
Commercial loans				
Multifamily	\$ 247	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 247
Nonresidential	2	—	—	2
Secured	40	—	—	40
Residential loans				
One-to four-family residential	1,010	—	—	1,010
Consumer loans				
Home Equity	89	—	—	89
Auto	13	—	—	13
Marine	169	—	—	169
Recreational vehicle	86	—	—	86
Mortgage servicing rights	382	—	382	—
Other real estate owned, net				
Commercial loans				
Construction loans	354	—	—	354
Residential loans				
One-to four-family residential	82	—	—	82

Impaired loans with specific allocations of the allowance for loan losses, carried at fair value, which are measured for impairment using the fair value of the collateral for collateral dependent loans, had a net carrying amount of \$431,000 at September 30, 2018, that includes a specific valuation allowance of \$488,000. This resulted in an increase of the provision for loan losses of \$40,000 and \$187,000 during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018, respectively. Impaired loans with specific allocations of the allowance for loan losses, carried at fair value, which are measured for impairment using the fair value of the collateral for collateral dependent loans, had a net carrying amount of \$1.2 million at September 30, 2017, which includes a specific valuation allowance of \$42,000. This resulted in an increase in the provision for loan losses of \$92,000 and \$571,000 for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017. Impaired loans with specific allocations of the allowance for loan losses, carried at fair value, which are measured for impairment using the fair value of the collateral for collateral dependent loans, had a net carrying amount of \$1.7 million at December 31, 2017, that includes a specific valuation allowance of \$491,000.

The significant unobservable (Level 3) inputs used in the fair value measurement of collateral for collateral dependent impaired loans included in the above table primarily relate to the adjustment between carrying values versus appraised value. During the reported periods, discounts applied to appraisals for estimated selling costs were 10%.

At September 30, 2018, \$282,000 in mortgage servicing rights were carried at fair value, resulting in a net valuation allowance of \$26,000. At September 30, 2017, mortgage servicing rights carried at fair value totaled \$125,000, resulting in a net valuation allowance of \$15,000. Mortgage servicing rights are valued by an independent third party that is active in purchasing and selling these instruments. A net impairment reflected in other income totaled \$6,000 and \$17,000 for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018, respectively. Net impairment reflected in other income totaled \$10,000 and \$15,000 for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017. The value reflects the characteristics of the underlying loans.

At September 30, 2018, other real estate owned, carried at fair value, which is measured for impairment using the fair value of the property less estimated selling costs, and had a net carrying amount of \$342,000, with a valuation allowance of \$297,000. This resulted in expense of \$49,000 and \$82,000 during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018. At September 30, 2017, other real estate owned, carried at fair value, which is measured for impairment using the fair value of the property less estimated selling costs, and had a net carrying amount of \$580,000 with a valuation allowance of \$423,000. This resulted in expense of \$53,000 and \$15,000 during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017. At December 31, 2017, other real estate owned had a net carrying amount of \$436,000, with a valuation allowance of \$403,000.

The following table presents quantitative information about Level 3 fair value measurements for financial instruments measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis at September 30, 2018:

	Fair Value	Valuation Technique(s)	Unobservable Input(s)	Range (Weighted Average)
Impaired loans:				
Commercial loans				
Multifamily	\$ 247	Sales comparison approach	Adjustment for differences between comparable sales	0.00-35.00% (15.00%)
Residential loans				
One-to four-family residential	130	Sales comparison approach	Adjustment for differences between comparable sales	0.00%-10.77% (4.27%)
Consumer loans				
Auto	16	Sales comparison approach	Adjustment for differences between comparable sales	0.00%-17.85% (8.93%)
Marine	38	Sales comparison approach	Adjustment for differences between comparable sales	0.00%-17.85% (8.93%)
Other real estate owned, net				
Commercial loans				
Construction loans	197	Sales comparison approach	Adjustment for differences between comparable sales	0.00%-60.00% (57.67%)
Residential loans				
One-to four-family residential	145	Sales comparison approach	Adjustment for differences between comparable sales	0.00%-22.15% (16.36%)

The following table presents quantitative information about Level 3 fair value measurements for financial instruments measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis at December 31, 2017:

	Fair Value	Valuation Technique(s)	Unobservable Input(s)	Range (Weighted Average)
Impaired loans:				
Commercial loans				
Multifamily	\$ 247	Sales comparison approach	Adjustment for differences between comparable sales	0.00-35.00% (15.00%)
Nonresidential	2	Sales comparison approach	Adjustment for differences between comparable sales	0.00-35.00% (15.00%)
Secured	40	Sales comparison approach	Adjustment for differences between comparable sales	0.00%-64.00% (16.00%)
Residential loans				
One-to four-family residential	1,010	Sales comparison approach	Adjustment for differences between comparable sales	0.00%-10.77% (4.27%)
Consumer loans				
Home Equity	89	Sales comparison approach	Adjustment for differences between comparable sales	0.00%-17.85% (8.93%)
Other real estate owned:				
Commercial loans				
Construction loans	354	Sales comparison approach	Adjustment for differences between comparable sales	0.00%-52.90% (52.41%)
Residential loans				
One-to four-family residential	82	Sales comparison approach	Adjustment for differences between comparable sales	0.00%-13.43% (13.43%)

Auto and recreational vehicle loans were excluded from the table above as their value is considered immaterial.

The Company has elected the fair value option for newly originated residential mortgage and permanent construction loans held for sale. These loans are intended for sale and the Company believes that fair value is the best indicator of the resolution of these loans. Interest income is recorded based on the contractual terms of the loan and in accordance with the Company's policy on loans held for investment. None of these loans are 90 or more days past due nor on nonaccrual status as of September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017.

	September 30, 2018	December 31, 2017
	<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	
Aggregate fair value	\$ 95,235	\$ 83,541
Contractual balance	94,151	79,898
Gain	1,084	3,643

The total amount of gains and losses from changes in fair value included in earnings for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017 for loans held for sale, at fair value were:

	For the Three Months Ended		For the Nine Months Ended	
	September 30, 2018	September 30, 2017	September 30, 2018	September 30, 2017
	<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>			
Interest income	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
Interest expense	—	—	—	—
Change in fair value	(362)	1,088	(2,559)	3,988
Total change in fair value	<u>\$ (362)</u>	<u>\$ 1,088</u>	<u>\$ (2,559)</u>	<u>\$ 3,988</u>

In accordance with U.S. GAAP, the carrying value and estimated fair values of financial instruments at September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, were as follows:

	September 30, 2018 Carrying Value	Fair Value Measurements at September 30, 2018 Using:		
		(Level 1)	(Level 2)	(Level 3)
	<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>			
Assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 54,265	\$ 54,265	\$ —	\$ —
Available for sale securities	242,106	—	242,106	—
Held to maturity securities	78,700	—	74,812	—
Loans held for sale, at fair value	95,235	—	14,308	80,927
Loans, net	2,148,942	—	—	2,117,982
FHLB stock	19,144	n/a	n/a	n/a
Accrued interest receivable	8,551	—	1,582	6,969
Purchased certificate of deposit option	459	—	459	—
Interest rate swaps	21	—	21	—
Liabilities:				
Deposits:				
Checking, savings and money market accounts	(1,313,932)	(1,313,932)	—	—
Certificates of deposit	(1,038,544)	—	(1,034,803)	—
FHLB advances	(95,025)	—	(94,949)	—
Repurchase agreements and other	(238)	—	(224)	—
Advance payments by borrowers for taxes and insurance	(16,494)	(16,494)	—	—
Accrued interest payable	(1,177)	—	(1,177)	—
Written certificate of deposit option	(459)	—	(459)	—
Interest rate swaps	(25)	—	(25)	—

	December 31, 2017 Carrying Value	Fair Value Measurements at December 31, 2017 Using:		
		(Level 1)	(Level 2)	(Level 3)
<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>				
Assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 46,880	\$ 46,880	\$ —	\$ —
Available for sale securities	270,561	—	270,561	—
Held to maturity securities	82,911	—	82,126	—
Loans held for sale at lower of cost or market	211	—	217	—
Loans held for sale, at fair value	83,541	—	18,525	65,016
Loans, net	1,999,877	—	—	1,990,289
FHLB stock	19,324	n/a	n/a	n/a
Accrued interest receivable	8,190	—	2,244	5,946
Purchased certificate of deposit option	809	—	809	—
Liabilities:				
Deposits:				
Checking, savings and money market accounts	(1,251,398)	(1,251,398)	—	—
Certificates of deposit	(705,341)	—	(705,238)	—
FHLB advances	(356,536)	—	(356,521)	—
Repurchase agreements and other	(197)	—	(190)	—
Advance payments by borrowers for taxes and insurance	(25,038)	(25,038)	—	—
Accrued interest payable	(1,097)	—	(1,097)	—
Written certificate of deposit option	(809)	—	(809)	—

The methods and assumptions, not previously presented, used to estimate fair values are described as follows:

(a) Cash and Cash Equivalents

The carrying amounts of cash and short-term instruments approximate fair values and are classified as Level 1.

(b) FHLB Stock

It is not practical to determine the fair value of FHLB stock due to restrictions placed on its transferability.

(c) Held to maturity securities

Fair values for held to maturity securities are based on quoted market prices, where available. If quoted market prices are not available, fair values are based on quoted market prices of comparable instruments. For securities where quoted prices or market prices of similar securities are not available, fair values are calculated using discounted cash flows.

(d) Loans

Beginning January 1, 2018, fair values of loans, excluding loans held for sale, are estimated based on the price received to sell the asset (exit price), considering the lifetime credit risk of the loan portfolio. For variable rate loans that reprice frequently and with no significant change in credit risk, fair values are based the weighted average next repricing date and weighted average index, resulting in a Level 3 classification. Fair values for other loans are estimated using the weighted average months to maturity and weighted average contractual interest rate, using weightings based on principal balances, resulting in a Level 3 classification. Impaired loans are valued at the lower of cost or fair value as described previously. The methods utilized to estimate the fair value of loans represent an exit price.

At December 31, 2017, fair values of loans, excluding loans held for sale, were estimated as follows: For variable rate, loans that reprice frequently and with no significant change in credit risk, fair values were based on carrying values resulting in a Level 3 classification. Fair values for other loans were estimated using discounted cash flow analyses, using interest rates currently being offered for loans with similar terms to borrowers of similarly credit quality resulting in a Level 3 classification. Impaired loans were valued at the lower of cost or fair value. The methods utilized at December 31, 2017 to estimate fair value did not necessarily represent an exit price.

(e) Deposits

The fair values disclosed for demand deposits (e.g., interest and non-interest checking, savings, and certain types of money market accounts) are, by definition, equal to the amount payable on demand at the reporting date (i.e., their carrying amount) resulting in a Level 1 classification. The carrying amounts of variable rate, fixed-term money market accounts approximate their fair values at the reporting date resulting in a Level 1 classification. Fair values for fixed and variable rate certificates of deposit are estimated using a discounted cash flow calculation that applies interest rates currently being offered on certificates of deposit to a schedule of aggregated expected monthly maturities on time deposits resulting in a Level 2 classification.

(f) Other Borrowings

Short-term borrowings, generally, maturing within 90 days, approximate their fair values resulting in a Level 2 classification. The fair values of Home Savings long-term borrowings are estimated using discounted cash flow analyses based on the current borrowing rates for similar types of borrowing arrangements resulting in a Level 2 classification.

(g) Accrued Interest Receivable/Payable

The carrying amounts of accrued interest approximate fair value resulting in a Level 2 or Level 3 classification, depending on the classification of the underlying asset or liability.

(h) Off-balance Sheet Instruments

Fair values for off-balance sheet, credit-related financial instruments are based on fees currently charged to enter into similar agreements, taking into account the remaining terms of the agreements and the counterparties' credit standing. The fair value of commitments is not material.

10. STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE

Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information are summarized below.

	For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2018	2017
<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>		
Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information		
Cash paid during the period for:		
Interest on deposits and borrowings	\$ 15,870	\$ 8,611
Income taxes	2,500	425
Supplemental schedule of noncash activities:		
Transfers from loans to real estate owned and other repossessed assets	892	651
Transfers from loans to loans held for sale	—	27,921
Transfers from premises and equipment to other assets, held for sale	—	1,720
Accretion of securities held to maturity	122	151
Issuance of common stock - Ohio Legacy Corp. acquisition	—	25,816
Net assets acquired from Ohio Legacy Corp., excluding cash and cash equivalents	—	36

11. EARNINGS PER SHARE

The Company has granted stock compensation awards with nonforfeitable dividend rights which are considered participating securities. As such, earnings per share is computed using the two-class method as required by ASC 206-10-45. Basic earnings per common share is computed by dividing net income allocated to common shareholders by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period which, excludes the participating securities. Diluted earnings per common share includes the dilutive effect of additional potential common shares from stock compensation awards, but also excludes awards considered participating securities. There were zero and 50,000 stock options that were anti-dilutive for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018, respectively. There were no stock options that were anti-dilutive for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017.

	For the Three Months Ended September 30,		For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2018	2017	2018	2017
	<i>(Dollars in thousands, except per share data)</i>			
Net income per consolidated statements of income	\$ 9,529	\$ 7,556	\$ 27,626	\$ 17,283
Net income allocated to participating securities	(49)	(42)	(140)	(108)
Net income allocated to common stock	<u>\$ 9,480</u>	<u>\$ 7,514</u>	<u>\$ 27,486</u>	<u>\$ 17,175</u>
Basic earnings per common share computation:				
Distributed earnings allocated to common stock	\$ 3,478	\$ 1,979	\$ 9,432	\$ 4,941
Undistributed earnings allocated to common stock	6,002	5,535	18,054	12,234
Net income allocated to common stock	<u>\$ 9,480</u>	<u>\$ 7,514</u>	<u>\$ 27,486</u>	<u>\$ 17,175</u>
Weighted average common shares outstanding, including shares considered participating securities	49,909	49,736	49,892	49,353
Less: Average participating securities	(226)	(276)	(252)	(308)
Weighted average shares	<u>49,683</u>	<u>49,460</u>	<u>49,640</u>	<u>49,045</u>
Basic earnings per common share	<u>\$ 0.19</u>	<u>\$ 0.15</u>	<u>\$ 0.55</u>	<u>\$ 0.35</u>
Diluted earnings per common share computation:				
Net income allocated to common stock	<u>\$ 9,480</u>	<u>\$ 7,514</u>	<u>\$ 27,486</u>	<u>\$ 17,175</u>
Weighted average common shares outstanding for basic earnings per common share	49,683	49,460	49,640	49,045
Add: Dilutive effects of assumed exercises of stock options and LTIP awards	264	391	262	396
Weighted average shares and dilutive potential common shares	49,947	49,851	49,902	49,441
Diluted earnings per common share	<u>\$ 0.19</u>	<u>\$ 0.15</u>	<u>\$ 0.55</u>	<u>\$ 0.35</u>

12. OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)

Other comprehensive income (loss) included in the consolidated statements of shareholders' equity consists of unrealized gains and losses on available for sale securities, accretion of unrealized losses on held to maturity securities and disproportionate tax effects. The change includes reclassification of net gains or (losses) on sales of securities of \$0 and \$236,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively, and \$233,000 and \$566,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively. Reclassifications also includes accretion of unrealized losses on held to maturity securities.

Other comprehensive income (loss) components and related tax effects for the three-month periods are as follows:

	Unrealized Gains (Losses) on Securities Available for Sale	Disproportionate Tax Effect from Securities Available for Sale	Losses on Securities Transferred From Available for Sale to Held to Maturity	Total
September 30, 2018				
<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>				
Balances at beginning of period, net of tax	\$ (6,357)	\$ (17,110)	\$ (610)	\$ (24,077)
Other comprehensive loss before reclassifications	(1,741)	—	—	(1,741)
Accretion of unrealized losses of securities transferred from available for sale to held to maturity recognized in other comprehensive income	—	—	35	35
Reclassification adjustment for gains realized in income	—	—	—	—
Net current period other comprehensive income	(1,741)	—	35	(1,706)
Balances at end of period, net of tax	<u>\$ (8,098)</u>	<u>\$ (17,110)</u>	<u>\$ (575)</u>	<u>\$ (25,783)</u>
September 30, 2017				
<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>				
Balances at beginning of period, net of tax	\$ (603)	\$ (17,110)	\$ (735)	\$ (18,448)
Other comprehensive income before reclassifications	639	—	—	639
Accretion of unrealized losses of securities transferred from available for sale to held to maturity recognized in other comprehensive income	—	—	33	33
Reclassification adjustment for gains realized in income	(153)	—	—	(153)
Net current period other comprehensive income	486	—	33	519
Balances at end of period, net of tax	<u>\$ (117)</u>	<u>\$ (17,110)</u>	<u>\$ (702)</u>	<u>\$ (17,929)</u>

Other comprehensive income (loss) components and related tax effects for the nine-month periods are as follows:

	Unrealized Gains (Losses) on Securities Available for Sale	Disproportionate Tax Effect from Securities Available for Sale	Losses on Securities Transferred From Available for Sale to Held to Maturity	Total
September 30, 2018				
<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>				
Balances at beginning of period, net of tax	\$ (904)	\$ (17,110)	\$ (671)	\$ (18,685)
Other comprehensive loss before reclassifications	(7,010)	—	—	(7,010)
Accretion of unrealized losses of securities transferred from available for sale to held to maturity recognized in other comprehensive income	—	—	96	96
Reclassification adjustment for gains realized in income	(184)	—	—	(184)
Net current period other comprehensive income	(7,194)	—	96	(7,098)
Balances at end of period, net of tax	<u>\$ (8,098)</u>	<u>\$ (17,110)</u>	<u>\$ (575)</u>	<u>\$ (25,783)</u>

	Unrealized Gains (Losses) on Securities Available for Sale	Disproportionate Tax Effect from Securities Available for Sale	Losses on Securities Transferred From Available for Sale to Held to Maturity	Total
September 30, 2017				
<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>				
Balances at beginning of period, net of tax	\$ (3,130)	\$ (17,110)	\$ (800)	\$ (21,040)
Other comprehensive income before reclassifications	3,381	—	—	3,381
Accretion of unrealized losses of securities transferred from available for sale to held to maturity recognized in other comprehensive income	—	—	98	98
Reclassification adjustment for gains realized in income	(368)	—	—	(368)
Net current period other comprehensive income	3,013	—	98	3,111
Balances at end of period, net of tax	<u>\$ (117)</u>	<u>\$ (17,110)</u>	<u>\$ (702)</u>	<u>\$ (17,929)</u>

As of June 30, 2014, management concluded it was more likely than not that the Company's net deferred tax asset (DTA) would be realized and accordingly determined a full deferred tax valuation allowance was no longer required. Upon reversal of the former full deferred tax valuation allowance as of June 30, 2014, certain disproportionate tax effects are retained in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) totaling approximately a (\$16.6) million loss. Almost the entire disproportionate tax effect is attributable to valuation allowance expense recorded through other comprehensive income (loss) on the tax benefit of losses sustained on the available for sale securities portfolio while the Company was in a full deferred tax valuation allowance. This valuation allowance was appropriately reversed through continuing operations at June 30, 2014, leaving the original expense in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), where it will remain in accordance with the Company's election of the "portfolio approach", until such time as the Company would cease to have an available for sale security portfolio.

The following are significant amounts reclassified out of each component of accumulated comprehensive income (loss) for the three months ended September 30, 2018:

Details About Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income Components	Amount Reclassified From Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income	Affected Line Item on the Statement Where Net Income is Presented
	<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	
Realized net gains on the sale of available for sale securities	\$ —	Net gains on securities available for sale
	—	Tax expense
Total reclassification during the period	\$ —	Net of tax, increase to net income

The following are significant amounts reclassified out of each component of accumulated comprehensive income (loss) for the three months ended September 30, 2017:

Details About Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income Components	Amount Reclassified From Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income	Affected Line Item on the Statement Where Net Income is Presented
	<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	
Realized net gains on the sale of available for sale securities	\$ 236	Net gains on securities available for sale
	(83)	Tax expense
Total reclassification during the period	\$ 153	Net of tax, increase to net income

The following are significant amounts reclassified out of each component of accumulated comprehensive income (loss) for the nine months ended September 30, 2018:

Details About Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income Components	Amount Reclassified From Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income	Affected Line Item on the Statement Where Net Income is Presented
	<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	
Realized net gains on the sale of available for sale securities	\$ (233)	Net gains on securities available for sale
	49	Tax expense
Total reclassification during the period	\$ (184)	Net of tax

The following are significant amounts reclassified out of each component of accumulated comprehensive income (loss) for the nine months ended September 30, 2017:

Details About Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income Components	Amount Reclassified From Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income	Affected Line Item on the Statement Where Net Income is Presented
	<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	
Realized net gains on the sale of available for sale securities	\$ 566	Net gains on securities available for sale
	(198)	Tax expense
Total reclassification during the period	\$ 368	Net of tax, increase to net income

13. DERIVATIVES AND HEDGING ACTIVITIES

The Company is exposed to certain risk arising from both its business operations and economic conditions. The Company principally manages its exposures to a wide variety of business and operational risks through management of its core business activities. The Company manages economic risks, including interest rate, liquidity, and credit risk primarily by managing the amount, sources, and duration of its assets and liabilities and the use of derivative financial instruments. Specifically, the Company enters into derivative financial instruments to manage exposures that arise from business activities that result in the receipt or payment of future known and uncertain cash amounts, the value of which are determined by interest rates. The Company's derivative financial instruments are used to manage differences in the amount, timing, and duration of the Company's known or expected cash receipts and its known or expected cash payments principally related to the Company's loan portfolio.

Derivatives not designated as hedges are not speculative and result from a service the Company provides to certain customers. The Company executes interest rate swaps with commercial banking customers to facilitate their respective risk management strategies. Those interest rate swaps are simultaneously hedged by offsetting derivatives that the Company executes with a third party, such that the Company minimizes its net risk exposure resulting from such transactions. As the interest rate derivatives associated with this program do not meet the strict hedge accounting requirements, changes in the fair value of both the customer derivatives and the offsetting derivatives are recognized directly in earnings.

The table below presents the fair value of the Company's derivative financial instruments as well as their classification on the Balance Sheet as of September 30, 2018.

	Number of Transactions	Notional Amount	Asset Derivatives				Liability Derivatives			
			As of September 30, 2018		As of December 31, 2017		As of September 30, 2018		As of December 31, 2017	
			Balance Sheet Location	Fair Value	Balance Sheet Location	Fair Value	Balance Sheet Location	Fair Value	Balance Sheet Location	Fair Value
(Dollars in thousands)										
Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments										
Interest Rate Products	2	\$ 2,480	Other Assets	\$ 21	Other Assets	\$ —	Other Liabilities	\$ 25	Other Liabilities	\$ —
Total derivatives not designated as hedging instruments				\$ 21		\$ —		\$ 25		\$ —

The table below presents the effect of the Company's derivative financial instruments that are not designated as hedging instruments on the Income Statement as of September 30, 2018 and September 30, 2017.

Derivatives Not Designated as Hedging Instruments under Subtopic 815-20	Location of Gain or (Loss) Recognized in Income on Derivative	Amount of Gain or (Loss) Recognized in Income on Derivative	
		For the three and nine months ended	
		September 30, 2018	
(Dollars in thousands)			
Interest Rate Products	Other income / (expense)	\$	(4)
		\$	(4)
Fee Income	Other income / (expense)	\$	31

The table below presents a gross presentation, the effects of offsetting, and a net presentation of the Company's derivatives as of September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017. The net amounts of derivative assets or liabilities can be reconciled to the tabular disclosure of fair value. The tabular disclosure of fair value provides the location that derivative assets and liabilities are presented on the Balance Sheet.

	September 30, 2018					
	Gross Amounts of Recognized Assets	Gross Amounts Offset in the Statement of Financial Position	Net Amounts of Assets presented in the Statement of Financial Position	Gross Amounts Not Offset in the Statement of Financial Position		
				Financial Instruments	Cash Collateral Received	Net Amount
	<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>					
Derivatives	\$ 21	\$ —	\$ 21	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 21

	September 30, 2018					
	Gross Amounts of Recognized Liabilities	Gross Amounts Offset in the Statement of Financial Position	Net Amounts of Liabilities presented in the Statement of Financial Position	Gross Amounts Not Offset in the Statement of Financial Position		
				Financial Instruments	Cash Collateral Received	Net Amount
	<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>					
Derivatives	\$ 25	\$ —	\$ 25	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 25

The Company has agreements with each of its derivative counterparties that contain a provision where if the Company defaults on any of its indebtedness, then the Company could also be declared in default on its derivative obligations.

As of September 30, 2018, the fair value of derivatives in a net liability position, which includes accrued interest but excludes any adjustment for nonperformance risk, related to these agreements was \$25,000. As of September 30, 2018, the Company has minimum collateral posting thresholds with certain of its derivative counterparties and has not posted collateral.

14. REGULATORY CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS

Home Savings and United Community are subject to various regulatory capital requirements administered by the federal banking agencies. Failure to meet minimum capital requirements can initiate certain mandatory and possible additional discretionary actions by regulators that, if undertaken, could have a direct material effect on Home Savings and United Community. The regulations require Home Savings to meet specific capital adequacy guidelines in keeping with the regulatory framework for prompt corrective action that involve quantitative measures of Home Savings' assets, liabilities, and certain off balance sheet items as calculated under regulatory accounting practices. Home Savings' capital classification is also subject to qualitative judgments by the regulators about components of capital, risk weightings, and other factors.

The Basel III Capital Rules establish a common equity Tier 1 minimum capital requirement (4.5% of risk-weighted assets), a minimum Tier 1 capital to risk-based assets requirement (6% of risk-weighted assets) and assigns a risk weight (150%) to exposures that are more than 90 days past due or are on nonaccrual status and to certain commercial real estate facilities that finance the acquisition, development or construction of real property. The rules also require unrealized gains and losses on certain available-for-sale securities holdings to be included for purposes of calculating regulatory capital requirements unless a one-time opt-in or opt-out is exercised. In connection with the adoption of the Basel III Capital Rules, United Community and Home Savings elected to opt-out of the requirement to include most components of accumulated other comprehensive income in Common Equity Tier 1. The rule limits a banking organization's capital distributions and certain discretionary bonus payments if the banking organization does not hold a "capital conservation buffer" consisting of 2.5% of common equity Tier 1 capital risk-based weighted assets in addition to the amount necessary to meeting its minimum risk-based capital requirements.

The capital conservation buffer requirement will be phased in through January 1, 2019, when the full capital conservation buffer requirement will be effective. The capital conservation buffer for 2018 is 1.875%. The capital conservation buffer for 2017 was 1.25%. The final rule also implemented consolidated capital requirements.

Quantitative measures established by regulation for capital adequacy require Home Savings to maintain minimum ratios of Tier 1 (or Core) capital (as defined in the regulations) to average total assets (as defined) and of total risk-based capital (as defined) to risk-weighted assets (as defined). United Community and Home Savings' Common Equity Tier 1 capital consists of common stock and related paid-in capital, net of treasury stock, and retained earnings. Common Equity Tier 1 for both United Community and Home Savings is reduced by intangible assets, net of associated deferred tax liabilities and subject to transition provisions. Actual and regulatory required capital ratios for Home Savings, along with the dollar amount of capital implied by such ratios, are presented below.

	September 30, 2018					
	Actual		Minimum Capital Requirements Per Regulation***		To Be Well Capitalized Under Prompt Corrective Action Provisions	
	Amount	Ratio	Amount	Ratio	Amount	Ratio
	<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>					
Total capital (to risk-weighted assets)	\$ 297,367	13.95%	\$ 210,458	9.88%	\$ 213,123	10.00%
Tier 1 capital (to risk-weighted assets)	276,103	12.96%	167,834	7.88%	170,498	8.00%
Common equity Tier 1 capital (to risk-weighted assets)	276,103	12.96%	135,866	6.38%	138,530	6.50%
Tier 1 capital (to average assets)**	276,103	10.02%	110,200	4.00%	137,750	5.00%

	December 31, 2017					
	Actual		Minimum Capital Requirements Per Regulation***		To Be Well Capitalized Under Prompt Corrective Action Provisions	
	Amount	Ratio	Amount	Ratio	Amount	Ratio
	<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>					
Total capital (to risk-weighted assets)	\$ 292,928	14.70%	\$ 184,235	9.25%	\$ 199,173	10.00%
Tier 1 capital (to risk-weighted assets)	271,777	13.64%	144,400	7.25%	159,338	8.00%
Common equity Tier 1 capital (to risk-weighted assets)	271,777	13.64%	114,525	5.75%	129,463	6.50%
Tier 1 capital (to average assets)**	271,777	10.42%	104,308	4.00%	130,385	5.00%

** Tier 1 Leverage Capital Ratio

*** The capital ratios are reflective of the capital conservation buffer

Management believes that as of September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, Home Savings met all capital adequacy requirements to which it was subject. As of September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, Home Savings met the capital requirements to be deemed well capitalized. There are no known conditions that would change this classification subsequent to September 30, 2018.

The components of Home Savings' regulatory capital are as follows:

	September 30, 2018	December 31, 2017
Total shareholders' equity	\$ 271,376	\$ 276,494
Add (deduct)		
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	25,798	18,701
Intangible assets	(21,071)	(20,903)
Disallowed deferred tax assets	—	(2,515)
Disallowed capitalized mortgage loan servicing rights	—	—
Tier 1 Capital	276,103	271,777
Allowance for loan losses and allowance for unfunded lending commitments limited to 1.25% of total risk-weighted assets	21,264	21,151
Total risk-based capital	\$ 297,367	\$ 292,928

Actual and regulatory required consolidated capital ratios for United Community, along with the dollar amount of capital implied by such ratios, are presented below.

	September 30, 2018			
	Actual		Minimum Capital Requirements Per Regulation***	
	Amount	Ratio	Amount	Ratio
	<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>			
Total capital (to risk-weighted assets)	\$ 328,992	15.37%	\$ 211,339	9.88%
Tier 1 capital (to risk-weighted assets)	307,660	14.38%	168,536	7.88%
Common equity Tier 1 capital (to risk-weighted assets)	307,660	14.38%	136,434	6.38%
Tier 1 capital (to average assets)**	307,660	11.11%	110,735	4.00%

	December 31, 2017			
	Actual		Minimum Capital Requirements Per Regulation***	
	Amount	Ratio	Amount	Ratio
	<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>			
Total capital (to risk-weighted assets)	\$ 306,946	15.35%	\$ 184,881	9.25%
Tier 1 capital (to risk-weighted assets)	285,744	14.29%	144,907	7.25%
Common equity Tier 1 capital (to risk-weighted assets)	285,744	14.29%	114,926	5.75%
Tier 1 capital (to average assets)**	285,744	10.93%	104,588	4.00%

** Tier 1 Leverage Capital Ratio

*** The capital ratios are reflective of the capital conservation buffer

United Community's capital also exceeded the "well capitalized" ratios of 6.0% Tier 1 risk-based capital and 10% total risk-based capital required for United Community to engage in activities permissible only for a bank holding company that meets financial holding company requirements.

The components of United Community's consolidated regulatory capital are as follows:

	September 30, 2018	December 31, 2017
Total shareholders' equity	\$ 306,043	\$ 294,265
Add (deduct)		
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	25,783	18,701
Intangible assets	(24,166)	(23,416)
Disallowed deferred tax assets	—	(3,806)
Disallowed capitalized mortgage loan servicing rights	—	—
Tier 1 Capital	307,660	285,744
Allowance for loan losses and allowance for unfunded lending commitments limited to 1.25% of total risk-weighted assets	21,332	21,202
Total risk-based capital	\$ 328,992	\$ 306,946

15. INCOME TAXES

Significant components of the deferred tax assets and liabilities are as follows:

	September 30, 2018	December 31, 2017
	<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	
Deferred tax assets:		
Loan loss reserves	\$ 4,480	\$ 4,452
Depreciation	671	413
Other real estate owned valuation	62	85
Tax credits carryforward	—	2,193
Unrealized loss on securities available for sale	2,153	241
Unrealized loss on securities held to maturity	192	217
Interest on nonaccrual loans	465	482
Net operating loss carryforward	—	914
Purchase accounting adjustment	137	442
Accrued bonuses	830	551
Other	38	176
Deferred tax assets	<u>9,028</u>	<u>10,166</u>
Deferred tax liabilities:		
Deferred loan fees	1,482	1,145
Federal Home Loan Bank stock dividends	2,749	2,787
Mortgage servicing rights	1,547	1,401
FHLB prepayment penalty	205	307
Prepaid expenses	372	306
Deferred tax liabilities	<u>6,355</u>	<u>5,946</u>
Net deferred tax asset	<u>\$ 2,673</u>	<u>\$ 4,220</u>

The Company's ultimate realization of the net deferred tax asset is dependent upon the generation of future taxable income during the periods in which temporary differences become deductible. Management considers the nature and amount of historical and projected future taxable income, the scheduled reversal of deferred tax assets and liabilities, and available tax planning strategies in making this assessment. The amount of deferred taxes recognized could be impacted by changes to any of these variables.

Effective tax rates differ from the statutory federal income tax rate of 21% for 2018 and 35% for 2017 due to the following:

	For the Three Months Ended September 30,			
	2018		2017	
	Dollars	Rate	Dollars	Rate
	<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>			
Tax at statutory rate:	\$ 2,467	21.00%	\$ 3,718	35.00%
Increase (decrease) due to:				
Tax exempt income	(85)	(0.73)%	(164)	(1.54)%
Life insurance	(92)	(0.78)%	(148)	(1.39)%
Stock compensation	(12)	(0.10)%	(102)	(0.96)%
Other	(61)	(0.52)%	(237)	(2.23)%
Income tax provision	<u>\$ 2,217</u>	<u>18.87%</u>	<u>\$ 3,067</u>	<u>28.88%</u>

	For the Nine Months Ended			
	September 30,			
	2018		2017	
	Dollars	Rate	Dollars	Rate
	<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>			
Tax at statutory rate:	\$ 7,108	21.00%	\$ 8,499	35.00%
Increase (decrease) due to:				
Tax exempt income	(266)	(0.79)%	(499)	(2.05)%
Life insurance	(273)	(0.81)%	(416)	(1.71)%
Stock compensation	(144)	(0.42)%	(300)	(1.24)%
Other	(205)	(0.60)%	(283)	(1.17)%
Income tax provision	\$ 6,220	18.38%	\$ 7,001	28.83%

16. GOODWILL AND INTANGIBLE ASSETS

Goodwill:

The change in goodwill during the periods presented is as follows:

	September 30, 2018		December 31, 2017	
	<i>(In thousands)</i>			
Beginning of the year	\$	20,221	\$	208
Effect of adjustments-James & Sons Insurance		—		636
Acquired goodwill-OLCB		—		19,168
Acquired goodwill-Eich Brothers Insurance		—		209
Impairment		—		—
End of the year	\$	20,221	\$	20,221

Impairment exists when a reporting unit's carrying value of goodwill exceeds its fair value. If the carrying amount of a reporting unit is zero or less than zero, a qualitative analysis of whether it is more likely than not that the reporting unit goodwill is impaired will be performed. The qualitative assessment indicated that it was more likely than not that the fair value of the reporting unit exceeded its carrying value, resulting in no impairment. The Company did not have any reporting units with a carrying amount of zero or less than zero at September 30, 2018 or December 31, 2017.

Acquired Intangible Assets:

	September 30, 2018		December 31, 2017	
	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization
	<i>(In thousands)</i>			
Amortized intangible assets:				
Core deposit intangibles	\$ 11,184	\$ 9,498	\$ 11,184	\$ 9,250
Customer list intangible	2,547	288	2,222	162
Total	\$ 13,731	\$ 9,786	\$ 13,406	\$ 9,412

On July 1, 2018, HSB Insurance, LLC acquired certain assets of Steinhauser Insurance Agency, which increased the customer list intangible gross carrying amount by \$325,000. Aggregate amortization expense for the three months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017 was \$128,000 and \$113,000, respectively. Aggregate amortization expense for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017 was \$373,000 and \$308,000, respectively. Estimated amortization expense for the remainder of 2018 and the next five years is as follows:

Remainder of 2018	\$	128,000
2019		510,000
2020		510,000
2021		510,000
2022		510,000
2023		399,000

17. QUALIFIED AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT INVESTMENTS

The Company invests in qualified affordable housing projects. At September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, the balance of the investment for qualified affordable housing projects was \$8.5 million and \$5.8 million, respectively. These balances are reflected in other assets on the consolidated balance sheet. Total unfunded commitments related to the investments in qualified affordable housing projects totaled \$6.7 million and \$5.3 million at September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively. The Company expects to fulfill these commitments over the next eight to ten years.

During the three months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, the Company recognized amortization expense of \$124,000 and \$44,000, respectively, which was included within income tax expense on the consolidated statements of income. During the nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, the Company recognized amortization expense of \$367,000 and \$134,000, respectively.

Additionally, during the three months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, the Company recognized tax credits and other benefits from its investment in affordable housing tax credits of \$141,000 and \$55,000, respectively. During the nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, the Company recognized tax credits and other benefits from its investment in affordable housing tax credits of \$418,000 and \$165,000, respectively. During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, the Company incurred no impairment losses.

**ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS
UNITED COMMUNITY FINANCIAL CORP.**

Selected financial ratios and other data: (1)	For the Three Months Ended September 30,		For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2018	2017	2018	2017
Performance ratios:				
Return on average assets (2)	1.37%	1.17%	1.35%	0.91%
Return on average equity (3)	12.25%	10.43%	12.09%	8.17%
Interest rate spread (4)	3.09%	3.30%	3.15%	3.27%
Net interest margin (5)	3.33%	3.45%	3.38%	3.40%
Noninterest expense to average assets	2.26%	2.39%	2.34%	2.68%
Efficiency ratio (6)	57.30%	57.13%	57.58%	64.47%
Average interest-earning assets to average interest-bearing liabilities	126.99%	124.72%	126.99%	124.66%
Capital ratios:				
Average equity to average assets	11.16%	11.19%	11.17%	11.12%
Equity to assets, end of period	10.97%	11.21%	10.97%	11.21%
Tier 1 leverage ratio (Bank only)	10.02%	10.46%	10.02%	10.46%
Common equity Tier 1 capital (Bank only)	12.96%	13.69%	12.96%	13.69%
Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio (Bank only)	12.96%	13.69%	12.96%	13.69%
Total risk-based capital ratio (Bank only)	13.95%	14.74%	13.95%	14.74%
Asset quality ratios:				
Nonperforming loans to net loans at end of period (7)	0.42%	0.62%	0.42%	0.62%
Nonperforming assets to average assets (8)	0.36%	0.76%	0.37%	0.77%
Nonperforming assets to total assets at end of period	0.36%	0.75%	0.36%	0.75%
Allowance for loan losses as a percent of loans	0.98%	1.04%	0.98%	1.04%
Allowance for loan losses as a percent of nonperforming loans (7)	235.43%	169.64%	235.43%	169.64%
Total classified assets as a percent of Tier 1 Capital (Bank only)	14.95%	21.05%	14.95%	21.05%
Total classified loans as a percent of Tier 1 Capital and ALLL (Bank only)	13.57%	16.93%	13.57%	16.93%
Total classified assets as a percent of Tier 1 Capital and ALLL (Bank only)	13.87%	19.55%	13.87%	19.55%
Net chargeoffs as a percent of average loans	0.06%	(0.04)%	0.03%	0.11%
Total 90+ days past due as a percent of net loans	0.38%	0.40%	0.38%	0.40%
Per share data:				
Basic earnings per common share (9)	\$ 0.19	\$ 0.15	\$ 0.55	\$ 0.35
Diluted earnings per common share (9)	0.19	0.15	0.55	0.35
Book value per common share (10)	6.13	5.87	6.13	5.87
Tangible book value per common share (11)	5.65	5.38	5.65	5.38
Cash dividend per common share	0.070	0.040	0.190	0.100
Dividend payout ratio (12)	36.84%	26.54%	34.48%	28.79%

Notes:

1. Ratios for the three and nine month periods are annualized where appropriate
2. Net income divided by average total assets
3. Net income divided by average total equity
4. Difference between weighted average yield on interest-earning assets and weighted average cost of interest-bearing liabilities
5. Net interest income as a percent of average interest-earning assets
6. Noninterest expense, excluding the amortization of the core deposit intangible and prepayment penalty, divided by the sum of net interest income and noninterest income, excluding gains and losses on securities and gains and losses on foreclosed assets
7. Nonperforming loans consist of nonaccrual loans and loans past due ninety days and still accruing
8. Nonperforming assets consist of nonperforming loans, real estate owned and other repossessed assets and other assets
9. Net income divided by the number of basic or diluted shares outstanding
10. Shareholders' equity divided by number of shares outstanding
11. Shareholders' equity minus goodwill and core deposit intangible divided by number of shares outstanding
12. Historical per share dividends declared and paid for the period divided by the diluted earnings per share for that year

Forward-Looking Statements

When used in this Form 10-Q or other materials we have filed or may file with the Securities and Exchange Commission, the words or phrases “will likely result,” “are expected to,” “plan to,” “will continue,” “is anticipated,” “estimate,” “project” or similar expressions are intended to identify “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such statements are subject to certain risks and uncertainties, including changes in economic conditions in United Community’s market area, changes in policies by regulatory agencies, fluctuations in interest rates, demand for loans in Home Savings’ market area and competition that could cause actual results to differ materially from results presently anticipated or projected. United Community cautions readers not to place undue reliance on any such forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date made. United Community advises readers that the factors listed above and Item 1A in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017 could affect United Community’s financial performance and could cause United Community’s actual results for future periods to differ materially from any opinions or statements expressed with respect to future periods in any current statements. United Community undertakes no obligation to update any forward-looking statement to reflect events or circumstances after the date on which the statement is made.

Material Changes in Financial Condition at September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017

Cash and cash equivalents increased \$7.4 million from December 31, 2017 to September 30, 2018. The increase was primarily due to additional fed funds sold that were on hand at September 30, 2018 offset by less cash held in the branches.

Available for sale securities decreased \$28.5 million during the first nine months of 2018. The decrease in the available for sale securities balance since December 31, 2017 was mainly the result of pay downs, amortization of premiums/discounts on the securities and sales totaling \$10.4 million. The sales were completed to provide additional liquidity for lending activity. In addition, the unrealized loss in the available for sale portfolio was \$1.1 million at December 31, 2017, compared to a net unrealized loss of \$10.3 million at September 30, 2018. The increase in interest rates during 2018 impacted the change in unrealized losses.

Held to maturity securities declined \$4.2 million to \$78.7 million at September 30, 2018 compared to December 31, 2017. This change was primarily the result of pay downs and the amortization of premiums/discounts on the securities.

Net loans increased \$149.1 million to \$2.1 billion during the first nine months of 2018 primarily as a result of growth in the commercial loan portfolio. Commercial loan balances were \$931.8 million at September 30, 2018 compared to \$822.6 million at December 31, 2017. Residential one-to-four-family mortgage loans increased \$29.0 million during the last nine months and consumer loan balances increased \$9.6 million for the same period. See Note 6 to the consolidated financial statements for additional information regarding the composition of loans.

The allowance for loan losses is a valuation allowance for probable incurred credit losses established through a provision for loan losses charged to expense. The allowance for loan losses was \$21.3 million at September 30, 2018, up from \$21.2 million reported at December 31, 2017. The increase in the allowance was primarily driven by the increase in loan balances. The allowance for loan losses as a percentage of loans was 0.98% at September 30, 2018, compared to 1.05% at December 31, 2017.

The allowance for loan losses as a percentage of nonperforming loans was 235.43% at September 30, 2018, compared to 181.17% at December 31, 2017. Loan losses are charged against the allowance when the uncollectability of a loan balance is confirmed. Subsequent recoveries, if any, are added back to the allowance. Home Savings’ allowance for loan loss methodology includes allowance allocations calculated in accordance with ASC Topic 310, “Receivables,” and allowance allocations calculated in accordance with ASC Topic 450, “Contingencies”. As of September 30, 2018, the Company evaluated 25 quarters of net charge-off history and applied this information to the current period. This component is combined with the qualitative component to arrive at the loss factor, which is applied to the outstanding balance of homogenous loans.

A loan is considered impaired when there is a deterioration of the credit worthiness of the borrower to the extent that the collection of the full amount of principal and interest is no longer probable. The total outstanding balance of all impaired loans, including purchase credit impaired loans, was \$23.9 million at September 30, 2018 as compared to \$27.4 million at December 31, 2017.

Included in impaired loans above are certain loans Home Savings considers to be troubled debt restructurings (TDR). A loan is considered a TDR if Home Savings grants a concession to a debtor experiencing financial difficulty that it would otherwise not consider. The concession either stems from an agreement between the creditor and the debtor or is imposed by law or a court. If the debtor is not currently experiencing financial difficulties, but would probably be in payment default in the future without the modification, then this type of restructure also could be considered a TDR.

TDR loans aggregated \$17.6 million at September 30, 2018 compared to \$19.8 million at December 31, 2017. Of the \$17.6 million at September 30, 2018, \$15.6 million were performing loans according to their modified terms. The remaining balance of TDR loans of \$2.0 million were considered nonperforming.

Nonperforming loans consist of nonaccrual loans and loans past due 90 days and still accruing. Nonperforming loans were \$9.1 million, or 0.42% of loans, at September 30, 2018, compared to \$11.7 million, or 0.59% of loans, at December 31, 2017.

Loans held for sale, carried at lower of cost or market, were \$0 at September 30, 2018, compared to \$211,000 at December 31, 2017. Loans held for sale, carried at fair value, were \$95.2 million at September 30, 2018, compared to \$83.5 million at December 31, 2017. The change was primarily due to increased volume of construction loans. These loans are not sold until construction of the residence is complete, which is usually within nine to ten months of origination. Home Savings continues to sell a majority of its newly originated fixed rate mortgage loans into the secondary market as part of its risk management strategy and anticipates continuing to do so in the future.

Real estate owned and other repossessed assets decreased \$346,000 to \$907,000 primarily due to sales exceeding acquisitions during the nine months ended September 30, 2018. Real estate owned and other repossessed assets are recorded at the fair market value of the property less costs to sell. Appraisals are obtained at least annually on real estate properties that exceed \$1.0 million in value. A valuation allowance may be established on any property to properly reflect the asset at fair value.

Bank Owned Life Insurance (BOLI) is maintained on select officers and employees of Home Savings whereby Home Savings is the beneficiary. BOLI is recorded at its cash surrender value, or the amount currently realizable. Increases in the Home Savings' policy cash surrender value are tax exempt and death benefit proceeds received by Home Savings are tax-free. Income from these policies and changes in the cash surrender value are recorded in other income. There is no post-termination coverage, split dollar or other benefits provided to participants covered by the BOLI. Home Savings recognized \$1.3 million as other non-interest income based on the change in cash value of the policies in the nine months ended September 30, 2018 compared to \$1.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2017.

Total deposits increased \$395.7 million from \$2.0 billion at December 31, 2017, to \$2.4 billion at September 30, 2018. The increase in deposits is the result of growth in customer deposits (excluding brokered certificates of deposits) which totaled \$136.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2018. Non-interest bearing customer deposits grew \$28.6 million during the first nine months of 2018 while interest bearing customer deposits grew \$107.9 million. Growth in money market accounts and certificate of deposit balances drove the majority of the increase in interest bearing deposits. Brokered deposits grew by \$259.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2018. Brokered CD balances were increased to take advantage of favorable pricing relative to FHLB advances. Proceeds from this increase were used to pay down FHLB advances.

FHLB advances decreased from \$356.5 million at December 31, 2017 to \$95.0 million at September 30, 2018. The change was primarily due to an increase in brokered deposit balances that were used to pay down FHLB advances.

Shareholders' equity increased \$11.8 million to \$306.0 million at September 30, 2018 from \$294.3 million at December 31, 2017. The increase is primarily due to the \$27.6 million of net income earned during the period offset by dividends paid to shareholders of \$9.5 million. In addition, a negative change in accumulated other comprehensive income of \$7.1 million also offset the increase due to earnings.

Book value per common share as of September 30, 2018 was \$6.13 as compared to \$5.90 per common share as of December 31, 2017. Book value per share is calculated as total shareholders' equity divided by the number of common shares outstanding. Tangible book value per share is calculated as total shareholders' equity less goodwill and other intangible assets divided by the number of common shares outstanding.

Material Changes in Results of Operations for the Three Months Ended September 30, 2018 and September 30, 2017

Net Income. United Community recognized net income for the three months ended September 30, 2018, of \$9.5 million, or \$0.19 per diluted common share compared to net income of \$7.6 million for the three months ended September 30, 2017, or \$0.15 per diluted share. The continued growth in net interest income from higher earning assets, strong credit metrics, a lower provision for loan loss allowance along with a strong focus on expense control and change in tax law have all contributed to the increase in net income.

Net Interest Income. Net interest income was \$21.6 million in the third quarter of 2018 up from the \$20.5 million recorded in the third quarter of 2017. The growth of interest earning assets drove this increase offset by a 12 basis point decline in the net interest margin. Net interest margin was 3.33% for the third quarter of 2018 compared to 3.45% in the third quarter of 2017. The net interest margin was positively impacted in the third quarter of 2017 by the recognition of additional purchase accounting accretion related to the acquisition completed in the first quarter of 2017. The yield on interest earning assets increased 22 basis points year over year driven by an increase in the yield on net loans of 20 basis points. The yield on loans increased due to increases in market rates and the subsequent repricing of floating and adjustable rate loans. The yield on securities was down 13 basis points compared to a year ago due to the passage of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 in December 2017 which negatively impacts the yield on tax exempt securities in 2018.

Interest income increased by \$3.6 million in the third quarter of 2018 compared to the same period in 2017, to \$27.7 million from \$24.0 million. The increase is primarily a result of an increase in average earning assets of \$204.3 million along with the increase in the yield on average interest earning assets of 22 basis points. Average total loans, net increased \$230.9 million in the third quarter of 2018 compared to the same period in 2017 while average securities declined \$37.7 million during this same period. Interest income from total loans, net increased to \$25.3 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2018 compared to \$21.6 million for the same period in 2017. Income from securities decreased \$213,000 for the quarter ended September 30, 2018 compared to the quarter ended September 30, 2017.

Interest expense increased by \$2.5 million in the third quarter of 2018 to \$6.1 million compared to the same period in 2017. This increase was primarily due to a \$126.4 million increase in average interest-bearing liabilities due to growth along with a 43 basis point increase in the cost of interest-bearing liabilities. The increase in the cost of interest-bearing liabilities was primarily due to increases in market rates. The cost of average interest-bearing deposits increased 49 basis points to 106 basis points for the three months ended September 30, 2018 from 57 basis points for the three months ended September 30, 2017. The cost of average borrowed funds increased to 2.39% for the quarter ending September 30, 2018 compared to 1.45% for the quarter ended September 30, 2017.

	For the Three Months Ended		
	September 30,		
	2018 vs. 2017		
	Increase (decrease) due to		Total increase (decrease)
	Rate	Volume	
	<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>		
Interest earning assets:			
Loans	\$ 995	\$ 2,337	\$ 3,332
Loans held for sale	139	243	382
Securities:			
Available for sale-taxable	15	(115)	(100)
Available for sale-nontaxable	(111)	(100)	(211)
Held to maturity-taxable	5	(55)	(50)
Held to maturity-nontaxable	(8)	18	10
Federal Home Loan Bank stock	38	(2)	36
Other interest earning assets	62	41	103
Total interest earning assets	<u>\$ 1,135</u>	<u>\$ 2,367</u>	<u>\$ 3,502</u>
Interest bearing liabilities:			
Interest bearing deposits:			
Savings accounts	\$ —	\$ (1)	\$ (1)
Checking accounts	521	37	558
Customer certificates of deposit	861	263	1,124
Brokered certificates of deposit	342	795	1,137
Federal Home Loan Bank advances:			
Long-term advances	19	6	25
Short-term advances	2,476	(2,793)	(317)
Repurchase agreements and other	(2)	(2)	(4)
Total interest bearing liabilities	<u>\$ 4,217</u>	<u>\$ (1,695)</u>	<u>2,522</u>
Change in net interest income			<u>\$ 980</u>

Provision for Loan Losses. A provision for loan losses is charged to income to bring the total allowance for loan losses to a level considered by management to be adequate, based on management's evaluation of such factors as the delinquency status of loans, current economic conditions, the net realizable value of the underlying collateral, changes in the composition of the loan portfolio and prior loan loss experience. The Company recognized a loan loss provision of \$251,000 in the third quarter of 2018, compared to \$721,000 in the third quarter of 2017. The decrease in provision expense in the third quarter of 2018 was primarily driven by improving credit quality.

Noninterest Income. Non-interest income was \$6.1 million in the third quarter of 2018 compared to \$6.3 million in the third quarter of 2017. The majority of the difference between periods was due to a \$279,000 change in mortgage banking income. The decline in mortgage banking income was primarily due to competitive conditions which compressed the Company's margin in this business unit even as saleable origination volumes were greater. In addition, during the third quarter of 2017, the Company recognized \$236,000 in security gains compared to none in the third quarter of 2018. Increases in fee income related to agency, brokerage, debit card and trust helped to offset the declines in mortgage banking and security gains.

Noninterest Expense. Non-interest expense increased to \$15.8 million during the third quarter of 2018 compared to \$15.5 million during the third quarter of 2017. The increase is primarily due to normal increases in salaries and employee benefits, higher financial institutions tax and legal and consulting fees offset by declines in equipment and data processing and other expenses.

Income Taxes. During the three months ended September 30, 2018, the Company recognized tax expense of \$2.2 million on pre-tax income of \$11.7 million, compared to tax expense of \$3.1 million on pre-tax income of \$10.6 million for the three months ended September 30, 2017. The decline in tax expense was primarily due to the reduction in the Company's tax rate to 21% from 35% due to the passage of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 on December 22, 2017. See Note 15 to the consolidated financial statements for additional information regarding the composition of income taxes.

Material Changes in Results of Operations for the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2018 and September 30, 2017

Net Income. United Community recognized net income for the nine months ended September 30, 2018, of \$27.6 million, or \$0.55 per diluted common share compared to net income of \$17.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2017, or \$0.35 per diluted share. The results for the first nine months of 2017 were negatively impacted by the recognition of \$5.0 million of merger expense related to the acquisition of OLCB. The continued growth in net interest income from higher earning assets, reduced loan loss provision along with a strong focus on expense control have all contributed to the increase in net income.

Net Interest Income. Net interest income was \$64.5 million in the first nine months of 2018 up from the \$59.5 million recorded in the first nine months of 2017. The growth of interest earning assets drove this increase offset by a 2 basis point decline in the net interest margin. Net interest margin was 3.38% for the first nine months of 2018 compared to 3.40% for the first nine months of 2017. The yield on interest earning assets increased 29 basis points year over year driven by an increase in yield on net loans of 26 basis points. The yield on loans increased due to increases in market rates and the subsequent repricing of floating and adjustable rate loans. The yield on securities was down 8 basis points compared to a year ago due to the passage of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 in December 2017 negatively impacting the yield on tax exempt securities in 2018.

Interest income increased by \$11.7 million in the first nine months of 2018 compared to the same period in 2017, to \$80.4 million from \$68.7 million. The increase is primarily a result of an increase in average earning assets of \$193.0 million along with an increase in the yield on average interest earning assets of 29 basis points. Average total loans, net increased \$262.1 million in the first nine months compared to the same period in 2017 while average securities declined \$66.7 million during this same period. Interest income from total loans, net increased to \$73.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 compared to \$60.7 million for the same period in 2017. Income from securities decreased to \$6.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 compared to \$7.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2017.

Interest expense increased by \$6.8 million in the first nine months of 2018 to \$16.0 million compared to the same period in 2017. This increase was primarily due to a \$117.2 million increase in average interest-bearing liabilities due to growth along with a 41 basis point increase in the cost of interest-bearing liabilities. The increase in the cost of interest-bearing liabilities was primarily due to increases in market interest rates. The cost of average interest-bearing deposits increased 40 basis points to 91 basis points for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 from 51 basis points for the nine months ended September 30, 2017. The cost of average borrowed funds increased to 2.10% for the nine months ending September 30, 2018 compared to 1.22% for the nine months ended September 30, 2017.

	For the Nine Months Ended		
	September 30,		
	2018 vs. 2017		
	Increase (decrease) due to		Total increase (decrease)
	Rate	Volume	
	<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>		
Interest earning assets:			
Loans	\$ 3,608	\$ 8,187	\$ 11,795
Loans held for sale	212	507	719
Securities:			
Available for sale-taxable	67	(840)	(773)
Available for sale-nontaxable	(321)	(229)	(550)
Held to maturity-taxable	29	(178)	(149)
Held to maturity-nontaxable	(32)	10	(22)
Federal Home Loan Bank stock	146	3	149
Other interest earning assets	165	(13)	152
Total interest earning assets	<u>\$ 3,874</u>	<u>\$ 7,447</u>	<u>\$ 11,321</u>
Interest bearing liabilities:			
Interest bearing deposits:			
Savings accounts	\$ —	\$ (5)	\$ (5)
Checking accounts	1,308	68	1,376
Customer certificates of deposit	2,004	841	2,845
Brokered certificates of deposit	913	968	1,881
Federal Home Loan Bank advances:			
Long-term advances	213	18	231
Short-term advances	773	(319)	454
Repurchase agreements and other	(10)	(10)	(20)
Total interest bearing liabilities	<u>\$ 5,201</u>	<u>\$ 1,561</u>	<u>6,762</u>
Change in net interest income			<u>\$ 4,559</u>

Provision for Loan Losses. A provision for loan losses is charged to income to bring the total allowance for loan losses to a level considered by management to be adequate, based on management's evaluation of such factors as the delinquency status of loans, current economic conditions, the net realizable value of the underlying collateral, changes in the composition of the loan portfolio and prior loan loss experience. The Company recognized a loan loss provision of \$520,000 in the first nine months of 2018, compared to \$3.0 million in the first nine months of 2017. Provision expense in the first nine months of 2017 was primarily driven by net charge-offs totaling \$1.6 million while there has only been \$390,000 in net charge-offs during the first nine months of 2018. Improving credit quality continues to drive the low levels of loan loss provision.

Noninterest Income. Non-interest income was \$17.8 million in the first nine months of 2018 compared to \$18.8 million in the first nine months of 2017. The primary driver of the decrease was mortgage banking income which was down \$1.2 million year over year. The decrease was primarily due to margin compression offset by increased saleable volume.

Noninterest Expense. Non-interest expense decreased to \$47.9 million during the first nine months of 2018 compared to \$50.9 million during the first nine months of 2017. The decrease is primarily due to \$5.0 million in merger expense incurred during the first quarter of 2017. Offsetting this was an increase in salaries and employee benefits expense of \$1.6 million.

Income Taxes. During the nine months ended September 30, 2018, the Company recognized tax expense of \$6.2 million on pre-tax income of \$33.8 million, compared to tax expense of \$7.0 million on pre-tax income of \$24.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2017. The increased pre-tax income discussed above was the primary reason for the increased income tax offset by a reduction in the Company's tax rate to 21% from 35% due to the passage of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 on December 22, 2017. See Note 15 to the consolidated financial statements for additional information regarding the composition of income taxes.

Liquidity

United Community's liquidity, primarily represented by cash and cash equivalents, is a result of its operating, investing and financing activities.

The principal source of funds for United Community are deposits, loan repayments, maturities of securities, borrowings from financial institutions, repurchase agreements and other funds provided by operations. Home Savings also has the ability to borrow from the Federal Home Loan Bank. While scheduled loan repayments and maturing investments are relatively predictable, deposit flows and early loan prepayments are more influenced by interest rates, general economic conditions and competition. Investments in liquid assets maintained by United Community and Home Savings are based upon management's assessment of (1) the need for funds, (2) expected deposit flows, (3) yields available on short-term liquid assets, and (4) objectives of the asset and liability management program. At September 30, 2018, approximately \$757.8 million of Home Savings' certificates of deposit were expected to mature within one year. Based on past experience and Home Savings' prevailing pricing strategies, management believes that a substantial percentage of such certificates will be renewed with Home Savings at maturity, although there can be no assurance that this will occur.

Home Savings' Asset/Liability Committee (ALCO) is responsible for establishing and monitoring liquidity guidelines, policies and procedures. ALCO uses a variety of methods to monitor the liquidity position of Home Savings including a liquidity analysis that measures potential sources and uses of funds over future time periods out to one year. ALCO also performs contingency funding analyses to determine Home Savings' ability to meet potential liquidity needs under stress scenarios that cover varying time horizons ranging from immediate to long-term.

At September 30, 2018, United Community had total on-hand liquidity, defined as cash and cash equivalents, unencumbered securities and additional FHLB borrowing capacity, of \$774.5 million.

UNITED COMMUNITY FINANCIAL CORP.
AVERAGE BALANCE SHEETS

The following table presents the total dollar amounts of interest income and interest expense on the indicated amounts of average interest-earning assets or interest-bearing liabilities, together with the weighted average interest rates for the three months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017. Average balance calculations were based on daily balances.

	For the Three Months Ended September 30,					
	2018			2017		
	Average outstanding balance	Interest earned/ paid	Yield/ rate	Average outstanding balance	Interest earned/ paid	Yield/ rate
<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>						
Interest earning assets:						
Net loans ⁽¹⁾	\$ 2,115,227	\$ 24,031	4.54%	\$ 1,906,786	\$ 20,699	4.34%
Loans held for sale	111,295	1,264	4.51%	88,854	882	3.97%
Total loans, net	2,226,522	25,295	4.54%	1,995,640	21,581	4.33%
Securities:						
Available for sale-taxable	204,924	1,176	2.30%	224,927	1,276	2.27%
Available for sale-nontaxable ⁽²⁾	48,370	400	3.31%	59,057	611	4.14%
Held to maturity-taxable	67,979	374	2.20%	77,947	424	2.18%
Held to maturity-nontaxable ⁽²⁾	12,215	86	2.82%	9,239	76	3.29%
Total securities	333,488	2,036	2.44%	371,170	2,387	2.57%
Federal Home Loan Bank stock	19,160	289	6.03%	19,324	253	5.24%
Other interest earning assets	30,140	154	2.03%	18,881	51	1.08%
Total interest earning assets	2,609,310	27,774	4.26%	2,405,015	24,272	4.04%
Non-interest earning assets	177,553			185,773		
Total assets	<u>\$ 2,786,863</u>			<u>\$ 2,590,788</u>		
Interest bearing liabilities:						
Deposits:						
Checking accounts	\$ 635,705	1,026	0.64%	\$ 591,982	468	0.32%
Savings accounts	303,247	27	0.04%	308,829	28	0.04%
Certificates of deposit						
Customer certificates of deposit	618,545	2,457	1.58%	526,697	1,333	1.01%
Brokered certificates of deposit	327,120	1,534	1.86%	135,956	397	1.17%
Total certificates of deposit	945,665	3,991	1.67%	662,653	1,730	1.04%
Total interest bearing deposits	1,884,617	5,044	1.06%	1,563,464	2,226	0.57%
Federal Home Loan Bank advances						
Long-term advances	48,976	413	3.35%	48,212	388	3.22%
Short-term advances	120,880	610	2.00%	310,152	927	1.20%
Total Federal Home Loan Bank advances	169,856	1,023	2.39%	358,364	1,315	1.47%
Repurchase agreements and other	213	—	0.25%	6,483	4	0.25%
Total borrowed funds	170,069	1,023	2.39%	364,847	1,319	1.45%
Total interest bearing liabilities	\$ 2,054,686	6,067	1.17%	\$ 1,928,311	3,545	0.74%
Non-interest bearing liabilities						
Noninterest-bearing deposits	382,044			337,067		
Other noninterest-bearing liabilities	39,075			35,576		
Total noninterest bearing liabilities	421,119			372,643		
Total liabilities	\$ 2,475,805			\$ 2,300,954		
Shareholders' equity	311,058			289,834		
Total liabilities and equity	<u>\$ 2,786,863</u>			<u>\$ 2,590,788</u>		
Net interest income and interest rate spread		<u>\$ 21,707</u>	3.09%		<u>\$ 20,727</u>	3.30%
Net interest margin			3.33%			3.45%
Average interest earning assets to average interest bearing liabilities			126.99%			124.72%

(1) Nonaccrual loans are included in the average balance at a yield of 0%.

(2) Yields are on a fully taxable equivalent basis.

For the Nine Months Ended
September 30,

	2018			2017		
	Average outstanding balance	Interest earned/ paid	Yield/ rate	Average outstanding balance	Interest earned/ paid	Yield/ rate
<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>						
Interest earning assets:						
Net loans (1)	\$ 2,072,592	\$ 70,066	4.51%	\$ 1,826,175	\$ 58,271	4.25%
Loans held for sale	94,716	3,134	4.42%	79,050	2,415	4.07%
Total loans, net	2,167,308	73,200	4.50%	1,905,225	60,686	4.25%
Securities:						
Available for sale-taxable	208,030	3,584	2.30%	256,742	4,357	2.26%
Available for sale-nontaxable (2)	51,249	1,301	3.38%	59,208	1,851	4.17%
Held to maturity-taxable	70,321	1,194	2.26%	80,785	1,343	2.22%
Held to maturity-nontaxable (2)	10,913	227	2.77%	10,499	249	3.16%
Total securities	340,513	6,306	2.47%	407,234	7,800	2.55%
Federal Home Loan Bank stock	19,269	843	5.83%	19,186	694	4.82%
Other interest earning assets	25,511	323	1.69%	27,934	171	0.82%
Total interest earning assets	2,552,601	80,672	4.21%	2,359,579	69,351	3.92%
Non-interest earning assets	176,208			177,643		
Total assets	\$ 2,728,809			\$ 2,537,222		
Interest bearing liabilities:						
Deposits:						
Checking accounts	\$ 626,766	2,661	0.57%	\$ 596,820	1,285	0.29%
Savings accounts	304,711	80	0.04%	306,422	85	0.04%
Certificates of deposit						
Customer certificates of deposit	602,961	6,417	1.42%	500,139	3,572	0.95%
Brokered certificates of deposit	219,490	2,773	1.69%	122,940	892	0.97%
Total certificates of deposit	822,451	9,190	1.49%	623,079	4,464	0.96%
Total interest bearing deposits	1,753,928	11,931	0.91%	1,526,321	5,834	0.51%
Federal Home Loan Bank advances						
Long-term advances	48,794	1,337	3.66%	48,019	1,106	3.07%
Short-term advances	207,121	2,682	1.73%	314,467	2,228	0.94%
Total Federal Home Loan Bank advances	255,915	4,019	2.10%	362,486	3,334	1.23%
Repurchase agreements and other	207	—	0.25%	4,079	20	0.65%
Total borrowed funds	256,122	4,019	2.10%	366,565	3,354	1.22%
Total interest bearing liabilities	\$ 2,010,050	15,950	1.06%	\$ 1,892,886	9,188	0.65%
Non-interest bearing liabilities						
Noninterest-bearing deposits	374,149			326,151		
Other noninterest-bearing liabilities	39,876			36,019		
Total noninterest bearing liabilities	414,025			362,170		
Total liabilities	\$ 2,424,075			\$ 2,255,056		
Shareholders' equity						
Total liabilities and equity	\$ 2,728,809			\$ 2,537,222		
Net interest income and interest rate spread		\$ 64,722	3.15%		\$ 60,163	3.27%
Net interest margin			3.38%			3.40%
Average interest earning assets to average interest bearing liabilities			126.99%			124.66%

(1) Nonaccrual loans are included in the average balance at a yield of 0%.

(2) Yields are on a fully taxable equivalent basis.

ITEM 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk.

Qualitative Aspects of Market Risk. The principal market risk affecting United Community is interest rate risk. United Community is subject to interest rate risk to the extent that its interest-earning assets reprice differently than its interest-bearing liabilities. Interest rate risk is defined as the sensitivity of United Community's earnings and net asset values to changes in interest rates. As part of its efforts to monitor and manage the interest rate risk, the Board of Directors of Home Savings has adopted an interest rate risk policy that requires the Home Savings Board to review quarterly reports related to interest rate risk and to set exposure limits annually for Home Savings as a guide to management in setting and implementing day-to-day operating strategies.

Quantitative Aspects of Market Risk. As part of its interest rate risk analysis, Home Savings uses the net portfolio value (NPV) and net interest income methodology. Generally, NPV is the discounted present value of the difference between incoming cash flows on interest-earning and other assets and outgoing cash flows on interest-bearing and other liabilities. The application of the methodology attempts to quantify interest rate risk as the change in the NPV and net interest income that would result from various levels of theoretical basis point changes in market interest rates.

Home Savings uses an NPV and earnings simulation model prepared internally as its primary method to identify and manage its interest rate risk profile. The model is based on actual cash flows and repricing characteristics for all financial instruments and incorporates market-based assumptions regarding the impact of changing interest rates on future volumes and the prepayment rate of applicable financial instruments. Assumptions based on the historical behavior of deposit rates and balances in relation to changes in interest rates also are incorporated into the model. These assumptions inherently are uncertain and, as a result, the model cannot measure precisely NPV or net interest income or precisely predict the impact of fluctuations in interest rates on net interest rate changes as well as changes in market conditions and management strategies.

Presented below are analyses of Home Savings' interest rate risk as measured by changes in NPV and net interest income for instantaneous and sustained parallel shifts of 100 basis point increments in market interest rates. As noted, for the quarter ended September 30, 2018 and the year ended December 31, 2017, the percentage changes fall within the policy limits set by the Board of Directors of Home Savings as the minimum NPV ratio and the maximum change in interest income the Home Savings Board deems advisable in the event of various changes in interest rates. See the table below for Board adopted policy limits.

Quarter Ended September 30, 2018										
NPV as % of portfolio value of assets						Next 12 months net interest income				
Change in rates (Basis points)	NPV Ratio	Internal policy limitations	NPV Ratio Change %	Internal policy limitations on NPV Change	<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>					
					\$ Change	Internal policy limitations	% Change			
400	11.50%	6.00%	(5.45)%	-20.00%	\$ (2,471)	(15.00)%	(2.83)%			
300	11.79%	6.00%	(3.03)%	-15.00%	(1,793)	(10.00)%	(2.05)%			
200	11.98%	7.00%	(1.47)%	-10.00%	(1,118)	(7.00)%	(1.28)%			
100	12.26%	7.00%	0.80%	-5.00%	(486)	(3.00)%	(0.56)%			
Static	12.16%	9.00%	—%	0.00%	—	—%	—%			
-100	11.81%	7.00%	(2.93)%	-10.00%	(235)	(5.00)%	(0.27)%			

Year Ended December 31, 2017										
NPV as % of portfolio value of assets						Next 12 months net interest income				
Change in rates (Basis points)	NPV Ratio	Internal policy limitations	NPV Ratio Change %	Internal policy limitations on NPV Change	<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>					
					\$ Change	Internal policy limitations	% Change			
400	11.38%	6.00%	(6.58)%	-25.00%	\$ (2,988)	(18.00)%	(3.57)%			
300	11.80%	6.00%	(3.17)%	-20.00%	(2,145)	(13.00)%	(2.56)%			
200	12.21%	7.00%	0.21%	-15.00%	(1,328)	(8.00)%	(1.59)%			
100	12.32%	7.00%	1.11%	-10.00%	(633)	(3.00)%	(0.76)%			
Static	12.19%	9.00%	—%	0.00%	—	—%	—%			
-100	11.42%	7.00%	(6.29)%	-15.00%	(1,525)	(5.00)%	(1.82)%			

For the quarter ended September 30, 2018, and year ended December 31, 2017, it was only meaningful to calculate a drop of 100 basis points.

As with any method of measuring interest rate risk, certain shortcomings are inherent in the above approach. For example, although certain assets and liabilities may have similar maturities or periods of repricing, they may react in different degrees to changes in market interest rates. Also, the interest rates on certain types of assets and liabilities may fluctuate in advance of changes in market interest rates, while interest rates on other types may lag behind changes in market rates. Further, in the event of a change in interest rates, expected rates of prepayment on loans and early withdrawal levels from certificates of deposit may deviate significantly from those assumed in making risk calculations.

Potential Impact of Changes in Interest Rates. Home Savings' profitability depends to a large extent on its net interest income, which is the difference between interest income from loans and securities and interest expense on deposits and borrowings. Like most financial institutions, Home Savings' short-term interest income and interest expense are affected significantly by changes in market interest rates and other economic factors beyond its control.

ITEM 4. Controls and Procedures.

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

As of September 30, 2018, United Community's management, with the participation of its Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, evaluated the effectiveness of United Community's disclosure controls and procedures, as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) and Rule 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"). Based on this evaluation, United Community's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that United Community's disclosure controls and procedures as of September 30, 2018 were effective.

Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

There were no changes in United Community's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the quarter ended September 30, 2018 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, United Community's internal control over financial reporting.

PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

UNITED COMMUNITY FINANCIAL CORP.

ITEM 1. Legal Proceedings.

United Community and its subsidiaries may, from time-to-time, be parties to litigation arising in the normal course of business. While it is impossible to determine the ultimate resolution of these contingent matters, management believes any resulting liability would not have a material effect upon United Community's financial statements.

ITEM 1A. Risk Factors.

There have been no material changes in United Community's risk factors as outlined in United Community's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017.

ITEM 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds.

- (a) None.
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) The following table provides information concerning purchases of United Community's common shares made by United Community during the three months ended September 30, 2018:

Period	Total number of common shares purchased	Average price paid per common share	Total number of common shares purchased as part of publicly announced plans	Maximum number of shares that August yet be purchased under the plan(1)
July 1 through July 31, 2018	—	\$ —	—	1,683,830
August 1 through August 31, 2018	—	—	—	1,683,830
September 1 through September 30, 2018 (2)	3,190	10.33	—	1,683,830
Total	3,190	\$ 10.33	—	1,683,830

- (1) United Community's stock repurchase program was publically announced on April 28, 2016 in a press release, a copy of which can be found in United Community's Form 8-K filed on May 2, 2016. The program permits the repurchase of up to 2,500,000 common shares. There is no expiration date for the program.
- (2) In September 2018, United Community purchased 3,190 shares at \$10.33 per share from employees for the payment of employment taxes. The purchase of these shares was not part of United Community's share repurchase program.

ITEM 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities

Not Applicable

ITEM 4. Mine Safety Disclosures

Not Applicable

ITEM 5. Other Information

- (a) None.
- (b) None.

ITEM 6. Exhibits.

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
2.1	<u>Agreement and Plan of Merger by and among United Community Financial Corp., The Home Savings and Loan Company of Youngstown, Ohio, Ohio Legacy Corp. and Premier Bank & Trust, dated September 8, 2016, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 in the Third Quarter Form 10-Q filed by United Community on November 8, 2016 with the SEC, film number 161981248.</u>
3.1	<u>Articles of Incorporation (reflecting all amendments filed with the Ohio Secretary of State) [for purposes of SEC reporting compliance only – not filed with the Ohio Secretary of State], incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 in the Second Quarter 2016 Form 10-Q filed by United Community on August 5, 2016 with the SEC, film number 161811451.</u>
3.2	<u>Amended Code of Regulations, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 in the 1998 Form 10-K filed by United Community on March 31, 1999 with the SEC, film number 99582343.</u>
31.1	<u>Section 302 Certification by Chief Executive Officer</u>
31.2	<u>Section 302 Certification by Chief Financial Officer</u>
32	<u>Section 1350 Certifications by Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer</u>
101	The following materials from the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2018, formatted in XBRL (Extensible Business Reporting Language): (i) the Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition, (ii) the Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income (Loss), (iii) the Consolidated Statements of Changes in Shareholders' Equity, (iv) the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows and (v) the Notes to Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements.

UNITED COMMUNITY FINANCIAL CORP.

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 thereunto duly authorized.

UNITED COMMUNITY FINANCIAL CORP.

Date: November 9, 2018

/s/ Gary M. Small

Gary M. Small
President and Chief Executive Officer
(Principal Executive Officer)

Date: November 9, 2018

/s/ Timothy W. Esson

Timothy W. Esson
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer)

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Section 2: EX-31.1 (EX-31.1)

Exhibit 31.1

RULE 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) CERTIFICATION

I, Gary M. Small, certify that:

- 1) I have reviewed this report on Form 10-Q of United Community Financial Corp.
- 2) Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- 3) Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
- 4) The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
- 5) The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

/S/ Gary M. Small

Gary M. Small
President and Chief Executive Officer
(Principal Executive Officer)
November 9, 2018

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Section 3: EX-31.2 (EX-31.2)

Exhibit 31.2

RULE 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) CERTIFICATION

I, Timothy W. Esson, certify that:

- 1) I have reviewed this report on Form 10-Q of United Community Financial Corp.
- 2) Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- 3) Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
- 4) The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
- 5) The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

/S/ Timothy W. Esson

Timothy W. Esson
Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer)
November 9, 2018

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Section 4: EX-32 (EX-32)

Exhibit 32

UNITED COMMUNITY FINANCIAL CORP.

CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO
18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

In connection with the Quarterly Report of United Community Financial Corp. (the "Company") on Form 10-Q for the period ending September 30, 2018 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), we certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350, as adopted pursuant to § 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

/s/ Gary M. Small

Gary M. Small
President and Chief Executive Officer
(Principal Executive Officer)
November 9, 2018

/s/ Timothy W. Esson

Timothy W. Esson
Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer)
November 9, 2018

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906 has been provided to the Company and will be retained by the Company and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.

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