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## Community Icon, Sterling Federal Bank, Named Among Top 1% Most Extraordinary Banks in U.S.A.



Pictured left to right: Reed Hutchcraft-VP, Chief Lending Officer, Bo Mays, VP-Chief Operations Officer, Dean Ahlers, President-Chief Executive Officer, Steve Brewer, VP-Chief Financial Officer, and Nick Krumbholz, VP-Chief Retail Officer

Sterling, IL, October 6, 2017 – Sterling Federal Bank, a local Sterling icon, was just named among the top 1-percent most extraordinary banks in the United States by The Institute for Extraordinary Banking™.

Sterling Federal Bank was recognized with the Institute's Banky™ Award for their commitment to excellence in banking and to their community. This recognition is given exclusively to the top 1-percent of community banks.

"This is a great honor for our employees and Sterling Federal Bank," said Dean Ahlers, President & CEO. "We work tirelessly to provide an exceptional experience for all our customers through extraordinary customer service, needs based selling, and innovative products and services. In addition, our employees volunteer hundreds of hours of community service each year,

and in 2016, between our employees and the bank, we donated over \$83,000 to the communities we serve.”

The Extraordinary Banking™ Awards exist to highlight the vital, yet often overlooked, role that local community banks play in our economy. Consumers use the Grammys to guide their music purchases, the Emmys to lead them to the best of television, and the Tonys to discover outstanding live theater...

And now, consumers have the Banky™ Awards as their guide to discovering the very best, most extraordinary banks in their communities, and in the country.

This year, the Bankys™ recognized the top 1-percent of banks—The Best Banks in America™.

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