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Liberty Bank Recipient of 5-Star Superior Rating

Liberty Bank has been recognized as a 5-Star Superior Financial Institution by BauerFinancial, Inc. The prestigious ranking is awarded to banks that demonstrate the epitome of safety and soundness.

According to Liberty Bank President Dale Blachford, "Its an honor to add this 5-Star Superior Rating to the awards we have received. In the current times when the American public has seen their faith in the banking industry decline because of the actions of some institutions, we believe this rating is even more important to show our commitment to our customers and this community. We sincerely appreciate the faith that our customers put in us and will not jeopardize that faith."

Liberty Bank has locations in Alton, Godfrey and Bethalto. Additional information about the bank can be found at www.bankliberty.com or its junior website at www.banklibertyjr.com.

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