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**BankIowa
5-Star Rated for 30 Consecutive Quarters**

INDEPENDENCE, IA – BauerFinancial, the Nation’s Premier Bank Rating Firm, is proud to announce that BankIowa has once again earned its highest (5-Star) rating for financial strength and stability. Earning a 5-Star rating indicates this bank excels in areas of capital adequacy, profitability, asset quality, and much more. In fact, BankIowa has earned and maintained this top rating for 30 consecutive quarters.

“This achievement requires tremendous resilience and fortitude,” observes Karen Dorway, president of BauerFinancial. “We saw a lot of banks that were lacking those qualities that are, unfortunately, no longer around. But community banks, like BankIowa, have some definite advantages. Its smaller size allows its team to know each customer more intimately, which not only makes every customer a priority, it also improves loan underwriting.”

BankIowa was established in 1921 and has been a dedicated and reliable community partner for over 95 years. BankIowa currently has 11 branches in 7 Eastern Iowa communities. With over \$650 million in assets, BankIowa proudly remains an independent and locally owned institution with offices in Cedar Falls, Cedar Rapids, Independence, Jesup, Lamont, Norway and Waterloo.

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