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**The Community Bank's President, Michael R. Steen,
Presented with Banker of the Year Award**

Michael R. Steen, President and CEO of The Community Bank, was recently presented with the Ohio Bankers League's (OBL) 2014 BankPac Shining Star-Banker of the Year award. Steen received the award for his exemplary work with both federal and state government on behalf of the Ohio banking industry.

"Michael Steen is a great leader for the Ohio banking industry," said OBL President and CEO Mike Adelman. "He has personally been a tireless supporter of the industry's political efforts, encompassing grassroots leadership as well as financial support. Steen has worked to build solid relationships with all the key elected officials in the bank's market. The entire industry has reaped the benefits of his work."

In 2014, Steen joined the board of a national industry grassroots organization *The Friends of Traditional Banking* as its Ohio representative. The group, comprised of bankers from 50 states, is a network of industry professionals who recognize the critical role traditional banking plays in local economies and are committed to defending it from misguided laws and overregulation.

About the Ohio Bankers League

The Ohio Bankers League is the trade association for the Ohio banking industry – and is Ohio’s only organization focused on meeting the needs of all banks and thrifts in the Buckeye State. For more than 100 years, the OBL has been the voice of the Ohio banking industry fostering a cooperation that has made it one of the strongest and most reputable financial trade associations in the country. By linking banks, bankers, and industry experts – and by pooling their intellectual and capital resources – the OBL serves as a powerful creator of knowledge and collective resources. The non-profit association is comprised of 202 FDIC-insured financial institutions including commercial banks, savings banks, and savings and loan associations ranging in size from just over \$13 million in assets to more than \$3.5 trillion.

About The Community Bank

The Community Bank was founded in 1902 in Crooksville, Ohio by a group of local businessmen who saw the need for a banking resource close to home. Since then, the bank has grown as a full service bank with more than \$380,000,000 in assets and is headquartered in Zanesville, Ohio. The bank’s commitment to exceptional customer service, the growth of small business and the economic health of the community form the foundation of its culture. A full range financial products and services are available at Banking Offices in South, West, East and North Zanesville, New Concord, Frazeyburg, Crooksville and Downtown Zanesville. The Community Loan Company is located in South Zanesville, along with a dedicated Lending Center in Heath. Wealth Management services are available through Community Financial Advisors located in the Downtown Zanesville Banking Office.

For more information concerning The Community Bank’s products, services and locations, we welcome you to our website at www.thecombank.com or you may contact Jessica Bowers, AVP/Marketing Manager, at The Community Bank’s Downtown Zanesville Office at 740-454-1600 or via email jbowers@thecombank.com. The Community Bank can also be followed on Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn.