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Jake Halterman Joins NorthStar Bank as Vice President, Market Manager for New Office in Belleair Bluffs

Tampa, Fla., November 21, 2013 – NorthStar Bank is pleased to announce Jake Halterman as Vice President, Market Manager for its new office in Belleair Bluffs. Mr. Halterman is a long time resident of Pinellas County and holds over 15 years of banking experience. He came to NorthStar Bank from TD Bank where he was most recently Assistant Vice President, Banking Center Manager.

Mr. Halterman earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business Management from Eckerd College and his Associates Degree in Business Administration and Management from St. Petersburg College. He currently serves on the Professional Partners Council of Suncoast Hospice Florida, is an Ambassador of the Clearwater Regional Chamber of Commerce and will be an active member of the Central Pinellas Chamber of Commerce.

In Jake's Role as Market Manger, he will be responsible for developing new relationships and developing and marketing NorthStar Bank's presence in the Belleair Bluffs market. NorthStar Bank's second office opened on October 15, 2013 at 715 Indian Rocks Rd. N., Belleair Bluffs. This is its first office in Pinellas County.

NorthStar Bank, opened in 2007, is an independent community bank headquartered in Tampa, Florida with assets exceeding $200 million. NorthStar Bank builds solid customer relationships by providing outstanding personalized service utilizing the latest banking innovations and technology. NorthStar Bank is rated Five-Stars by **BauerFinancial** (www.bauerfinancial.com), the nation's leading independent bank rating and research firm. Member FDIC.

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