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**BANTERRA BANK TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY
ASSOCIATION BY SELLING SHAMROCKS DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH**

Marion, IL – Banterra Bank will assist the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) with their annual shamrock program throughout the month of March. Shamrock mobiles will be sold at all 35 branch locations throughout Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky and Missouri. Banterra customers, team members and the public are invited to purchase shamrocks (\$5 gold shamrocks; \$1 green shamrocks), which are a 100% donation to MDA. The shamrocks will be a part of displays in the Banterra branches.

This is the fourth year for MDA to be selected for a Banterra company-wide promotion. Banterra raised almost \$17,000 for MDA with their previous three fundraisers combined. Banterra team members can wear jeans on Fridays when making a donation and the company is holding a contest among its branches for the most creative shamrock display.

“Banterra strives to give back to our communities through various fundraisers and by supporting multiple organizations throughout the year,” said Jeff May, President and CEO for Banterra Bank. “It’s great that we are able to continue selling shamrocks this year for MDA’s annual fundraiser. This is one of many ways our Banterra team makes an impact in the communities where we live and work.”

MDA was started in 1950 by families, for families, and it is the world’s leading nonprofit health agency dedicated to finding treatments and cures for muscle diseases – including muscular dystrophy, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) and other neuromuscular diseases. In addition to finding treatments and cures, MDA provides support to families and rallies community support by aligning supporters and partners who care.

Banterra supports hundreds of charities each year through sponsorships, donations, promotional support, fundraisers and volunteerism. In addition to this support, Banterra chooses select charities to be supported company-wide through branch and online promotion, as well as public relations.

Banterra Bank began as a single bank in Ridgway, Illinois in July of 1975. Today, Banterra is the largest, locally-owned bank in the region with \$1.6 billion in assets and is ranked in the Top Ten Percent of U.S. Charter Banks and Top Five Percent for Illinois Charter Banks, according to asset size. Banterra has 35 locations in Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky and Missouri. For more information, call 866-BANTERRA (226-8377), or go to www.banterra.com.

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