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To the Editor:

Grand Ridge National Bank Serving the Community with 5-Star Strength

Grand Ridge, IL - December 2023: BauerFinancial, Inc., the Nation's Premier Bank Rating Firm, proudly acknowledges that **Grand Ridge National Bank, Grand Ridge, IL** has earned its highest, **5-Star rating** for the 33rd consecutive quarter. BauerFinancial reassesses the financial condition of U.S. banks every three months. This latest rating was assigned in December 2023 based on financial data reported as of September 30, 2023. Earning another 5-Star Superior rating signifies that Grand Ridge National Bank continues to be one of the strongest banks in the nation.

"Bauer rates banks based on their overall financial condition," reports **Karen Dorway, president** of the rating firm, "and has been doing so for over 40 years. Bauer does not rate based on how much a bank gives back to its community, but sometimes I wish we could. The employees of community banks, like Grand Ridge National Bank, feel a responsibility to help their community grow and thrive," continues Dorway. "It gives me great pleasure to acknowledge that a bank that measures its success by the success of its neighbors and friends, does so from such a solid financial foundation."

Since its inception in 1903, Grand Ridge National Bank has been an enthusiastic supporter of the people and organizations in the communities it serves, which is also where its employees live, work and play. A dedicated banking partner, yes, but so much more. Supporting the community is what it does, and what it has done for 121 years. This community-focused bank wouldn't have it any other way.

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