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To the Editor:

## First State Bank of Sauk Centre: A Sense of Security in an Insecure World

**October 2008: BAUERFINANCIAL, Inc., Coral Gables, Florida**, is pleased to announce that **First State Bank of Sauk Centre, Minnesota** has earned its highest 5-Star Superior rating for financial strength and stability. It is heartening to know that there are still well run community banks, like First State Bank of Sauk Centre, that have risen above the calamity that has befallen so many others. The 5-Star Superior rating is based on the overall financial picture of the bank and indicates that First State Bank of Sauk Centre is one of the strongest banks in the nation. In fact, this represents the 17th consecutive quarter that First State Bank of Sauk Centre has earned this highest honor.

“It gives me great pleasure to announce that there are still banks, like First State Bank of Sauk Centre, that continue to build a sense of a security in this insecure world,” heralds Karen L. Dorway, president of BAUERFINANCIAL. “Residents in and around Sauk Centre have the privilege of banking with a true community bank that has stuck to true, common-sense, banking values. They can sleep soundly in the knowledge that they are banking with one of the strongest banks in the country.”

First State Bank of Sauk Centre was established in 1880 and has been serving the financial needs of its neighbors and friends for over 125 years. It currently operates through conveniently located offices on Main Street in Sauk Centre and can be found on the internet at [www.firststatebanksc.com](http://www.firststatebanksc.com).

First State Bank of Sauk Centre: “A Legacy of Service.”

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