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5-Star The Peoples Bank Earns “Best of Bauer” by Helping Customers Succeed

August 2015: The Peoples Bank, Gambier, Ohio proudly announces it has earned **BAUERFINANCIAL, Inc.’s** highest (5-Star) rating for strength and stability. Achievement of this coveted 5-Star Superior rating puts The Peoples Bank in an elite category as one of the strongest banks in the nation.

BauerFinancial, the nation’s premier bank rating firm, has been evaluating and rating banks since 1983. Earning a 5-Star Superior rating means The Peoples Bank excels in areas of capital, loan quality, profitability and more. By achieving this 5-Star Superior rating for the most recent 106 consecutive quarters, The Peoples Bank has earned an even more elite status of **“Best of Bauer”** Bank. This designation is reserved for those banks that have maintained the 5-Star rating for 25 years or longer.

According to Karen L. Dorway, president of BauerFinancial, “The Peoples Bank’s achievement is a result of its commitment to community banking and values. By focusing on the financial needs of local families and businesses, The Peoples Bank has in turn, charted its own path. It is a symbiotic relationship: the more success customers have, the more success the bank will have. It is built on a commitment to each other and is what all banks should strive for.”

The Peoples Bank has been helping customers succeed since its inception in 1920. Today, 95 years later, it operates through three conveniently located offices in Gambier and Mount Vernon and can also be found on the internet at www.peoplesgambier.com.

The Peoples Bank: “Small enough to know you, large enough to serve you.”

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