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***Best of Bauer* Lamar Bank and Trust 5-Star Rated for More than 25 Consecutive Years**

June 2018: BAUERFINANCIAL, Coral Gables, Florida, the Nation's Premier Bank Rating Firm, is proud to announce that **Lamar Bank and Trust, Lamar, Missouri** has once again secured its highest, **5-Star** rating. (A five-star rating indicates the bank excels in areas of capital adequacy, profitability, asset quality and much more.) Earning and **maintaining this top 5-Star rating for 118 consecutive quarters**, Lamar Bank and Trust has also procured a **"Best of Bauer Bank"** designation. This assignment is reserved for banks that have maintained Bauer's highest rating consistently for the last 25 years or longer.

Like Bauer, regulators agree that smaller institutions "are often better positioned than larger institutions to understand and quantify local real estate market values since they serve a smaller, more defined market area." – Federal Register, April 9, 2018. "It makes perfect sense; local people who know the area are making local decisions based on that knowledge", agrees Karen L. Dorway, president of BauerFinancial. "Community banks, like Lamar Bank and Trust, are banking on a better future together with their community."

Established in 1925, Lamar Bank and Trust has been investing in the future of its community for 93 years. Today it operates through a conveniently located office on Broadway in Lamar and can also be found online at www.lbt.com.

Lamar Bank and Trust: "When your money is on the line LBT is here to help."

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