

# Media Release



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**To the Editor:**

## New Year, New Banking Concerns, But Not if You Bank at First Federal of Greene County

**January 2009: First Federal of Greene County, Waynesburg, Pennsylvania** proudly announces it has earned **BAUERFINANCIAL, Inc.**'s highest 5-Star Superior rating for financial strength and stability. BAUERFINANCIAL has been analyzing the nation's banks for over 25 years and has earned the reputation as "the Nation's Bank Rating Firm", so to garner its highest 5-Star rating is a time-honored badge of distinction. Customers of First Federal of Greene County can be proud that their bank still shines, even under the watchful eye of the BAUERFINANCIAL microscope. The rating is based on the overall financial picture of the bank and at 5-Stars indicates that First Federal of Greene County is one of the strongest banks in the nation. This is the 82nd consecutive quarter that First Federal of Greene County has earned this highest honor; only 1% of the nation's banks can claim this distinction.

"This New Year in particular brings with it a whole new set of worries, but where a consumer banks shouldn't be one of them", remarks Karen L. Dorway, president of BAUERFINANCIAL. "Some banks ignored proper loan underwriting standards in recent years and are now paying the price for that decision. But, First Federal of Greene County is a prime example of a bank that has stuck to traditional, conservative banking strategies, which, in this climate, is exactly what the 'other banks' are returning to. First Federal of Greene County is a model of banking safety and soundness and its customers can rest assured in that knowledge."

Established in 1924, First Federal of Greene County has been serving the banking needs of its neighbors and friends for 84 years. It currently operates through six conveniently located offices, one in West Virginia and five in Pennsylvania. It can also be found on the internet at [www.firstfederalofgreene.com](http://www.firstfederalofgreene.com).

First Federal of Greene County: "Your 5-Star Community Bank."

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