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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

### To the Editor:

## There are 8% Fewer 5-Star Banks than Last Year, But Norway Savings Bank is Still Tops

**May 2009: BAUERFINANCIAL, Inc., Coral Gables, Florida** is proud to announce that **Norway Savings Bank, Norway, Maine** has earned its highest 5-Star Superior rating for financial strength and stability. BAUERFINANCIAL, the Nation's Bank Rating Firm, has been analyzing and reporting on the nation's banks for over 25 years. The rating is based on the overall financial picture of the bank, and a 5-Star rating indicates that Norway Savings Bank is one of the strongest banks in the nation. This is the 77th consecutive quarter that Norway Savings Bank has earned this highest honor; only 5% of the nation's banks can claim this distinction.

"The number of 5-Star rated banks is diminishing", comments Karen L. Dorway, president of BAUERFINANCIAL, "but that doesn't mean they are extinct. Norway Savings Bank is an excellent example of traditional, conservative banking. In this new era of 'back to basics' thinking, this is exactly what you should be looking for in a bank."

Norway Savings Bank was established in 1866 and has been serving the banking needs of its neighbors and friends for 143 years. It operates through 21 conveniently located offices in Cumberland, Oxford, Sagadahoc and York counties and can also be found on the internet at [www.norwaysavingsbank.com](http://www.norwaysavingsbank.com).

Norway Savings Bank: "Colorful Solutions."

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