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Press Release

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WILLAMETTE COMMUNITY BANK AWARDED 5-STAR AWARD FROM BAUER

Dave Wood, President and CEO of Willamette Community Bank, is proud to announce that the Bank has *again* been awarded the prestigious 5-Star Superior Award from Bauer Financial, Inc. for quarter ending 3-31-10, making Willamette Community Bank one of the safest banks in Oregon and the nation. Willamette Community Bank has demonstrated the highest standards of safety and soundness by earning and sustaining the Bauer Financial's 5-Star rating for 21 consecutive quarters (5+ years). In order to achieve this honor, a bank must exhibit the best in such areas as capital adequacy, asset quality, stability and other specific requirements including putting safety and soundness ahead of all else. Wood stated "It's a pleasure to be issued such a positive report on Willamette Community Bank. When the general media separates community banks from big banks people appreciate that community banks like ours are most worthy of heralding. We're honored to be recognized for our strength, stability and safety, especially during difficult economic times for our state and local economies. This Superior rating is a tribute to the conservative financial philosophy of our Bank's management and Board of Directors, adhering to prudent banking policies which assure our clients of a strong margin of security. We continue to avoid the lending and underwriting problems that have plagued much of the industry and remain diligent in adhering to sound banking principles and standards".

Founded in 2003, Willamette Community Bank is a locally-owned community bank with headquarters in Albany, Oregon. It has served the financial needs of neighbors and friends for over six years and currently operates two convenient offices in Albany and Lebanon. For more information, log onto www.willamettecommunitybank.com.

Bauer Financial, Inc. has been analyzing and reporting on the financial conditions of the United States banking industry since 1983 and has earned the reputation of the nation's bank rating service. Each bank is required to file a detailed financial report with federal regulators four times a year. Bauer Financial obtains this data and subjects the data to a thorough analysis. No institution pays for this rating, nor can they elude it.