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To the Business or Banking Editor:

FIRST FEDERAL

Offers Free Highlights Report Online

First Federal, Port Angeles, Washington proudly announces it has earned a 5-Star Superior rating from BAUERFINANCIAL Inc., Coral Gables, Florida, *the nation's bank rating firm*. The rating is based on an evaluation of First Federal's most recent financial data filed with federal regulators, supplemented with historical data and indicates that First Federal is one of the strongest banks in the country. In fact, this marks the 61st consecutive quarter that First Federal has earned this top rating making the ideal place to entrust your deposits. But you don't have to take their word for it; you can log on to www.bankstars.com to obtain a free financial highlights report on First Federal – proof positive that First Federal has earned this highest rating.

"First Federal continues to thrive in a climate that is increasingly difficult," commented Karen Dorway, president of the research firm. "It is a community bank with community values and commitments that has been able to meet customer needs without compromising its own stability. And by providing this Highlights Report free to members of the community, First Federal proves once again that it is here for its customers."

First Federal has been serving the needs of its neighbors and friends for 86 years. Established in 1923, it currently operates through eight conveniently located offices in Forks, Port Angeles, Port Townsend and Sequim. First Federal can also be found on the internet at www.ourfirstfed.com.

First Federal: Making a difference. Together.

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