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**To the Editor:**

## Community Focus Pays Off as Round Top State Bank Earns Highest 5-Star Rating

**December 2011:** BAUERFINANCIAL, Inc., Coral Gables, Florida, the nation's leading bank rating and research firm, proudly recognizes **Round Top State Bank, Round Top, Texas** as a Superior 5-Star rated bank. A 5-Star rating denotes that Round Top State Bank is one of the best in the nation in terms of its overall financial performance. In fact, Round Top State Bank has earned this 5-Star Superior rating for the last 31 consecutive quarters.

"The recent uproar against Big Banks has shed a whole new light on community banks, and for good reason," observes Karen L. Dorway, president of BAUERFINANCIAL. "While the primary focus of the big banks is dividend payments, smaller banks tend to be locals and therefore more in tune with the communities they serve. This community focus has paid off as Round Top State Bank has earned Bauer's highest 5-Star rating for strength and stability.

Established in 1912, Round Top State Bank has proudly served its local communities for 99 years. It currently operates through conveniently located offices in Giddings, Jarrell, La Grange, Lexington and Round Top and can be found on the internet at [www.roundtopstatebank.com](http://www.roundtopstatebank.com).

Round Top State Bank: We're Hometown People That You Know.

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