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Bank Prez Offers Main Street View of Wall Street

LEE'S SUMMIT, Mo. -- **Rick Viar**, president/CEO of **Summit Bank of Kansas City**, was a large part of the discussion in his community Aug. 10 after Wall Street began to rebound from its initial reaction to credit-rating agency **Standard & Poor's** downgrading of **U.S. Treasury** debt from AAA rating to AA+. In a story in the *Lee's Summit Journal* headlined, "**Main Street fretting over Wall Street**," Viar conceded that people in his community were concerned about the volatility in the stock markets following the rating downgrade. But Viar projected the calm, rational voice of the experienced local banker that he is by commenting on safer investment options, such as certificates of deposit and individual retirement accounts. **Go here to read the story.**

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