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To the Editor:

5-Star Washington Financial Bank Strength in Numbers

Washington, Pennsylvania - September 2022: Washington Financial Bank, Washington, Pennsylvania has once again earned a **top (5-Star) rating** from **BauerFinancial, Inc., the Nation's Premier Bank Rating Firm**. Bauer rates every federally-insured U.S. bank with the same strict standards. It's all about the numbers, and in the case of Washington Financial Bank, the numbers show strength. To earn Bauer's Top Rating (5-Stars) Washington Financial Bank must excel in areas of capital adequacy, profitability, loan quality and more. And it does. In fact, Washington Financial Bank had earned Bauer's **Recommended (5-Star or 4-Star) Rating** for 132 quarters. Washington Financial has also earned the added distinction of **"Exceptional Performance Bank"**, a designation reserved for banks that have earned Bauer's Top Rating for 40 (or more) consecutive quarters.

"Washington Financial Bank has capital levels well in excess of what regulators consider to be 'adequate'. That capital buffer is what will help Washington Financial Bank weather any downturn that may head our way, just as it has in the past. Capital is King in the banking business," notes Karen Dorway, president of BauerFinancial. "It's what enables a bank to continue business as usual even as those around it struggle. What you want is a bank with high capital levels, strong loan underwriting and solid profits, and that's what you have with Washington Financial Bank. Neighbors and friends should feel secure in that."

Established in 1899, Washington Financial Bank has been a mainstay in this community for 123 years. Community banking is a business based on building relationships. To that end, current and future customers should feel free to contact Washington Financial Bank in person, by phone or via its website: washfin.bank.

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