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To the Editor:

Washington Financial Bank A Top Performing, 5-Star Bank

Washington, Pennsylvania - September 2024: BauerFinancial, Inc., the Nation's Premier Bank Rating Firm, is pleased to acknowledge Washington Financial Bank, Washington, PA, for its continued recommended status. September 2024 marks the 140th consecutive quarter that Washington Financial Bank has earned a recommended rating (5-Stars or 4-Stars) from Bauer. This latest rating, based on June 30, 2024 financial data, signifies that Washington Financial Bank is one of the ***strongest banks in the nation***.

"Bauer rates banks based on their overall financial condition," reports **Karen Dorway, president** of the rating firm, "and has been doing so for over 40 years. Bauer's approach of taking current financial data along with historical trends has enabled Bauer to anticipate certain events before they unfold. From speculative lending to interest rate pressures and even changes in accounting rules, Bauer has been through it all, and its reputation is second to none. So, when Bauer says Washington Financial Bank has earned its 5-Star rating, you can have confidence that it is one of the strongest banks in the nation. Not only that, as a community bank, Washington Financial Bank's top priority is you, its customer. It is very satisfying," Dorway continues, "to see banks that care so much about their communities also being top financial performers."

Since its inception in 1899, Washington Financial Bank has been an ardent supporter of the people and organizations in the communities it serves. Its employees are your neighbors and friends. They live here too. Their children go to the same schools and play on the same playgrounds as yours. This is what community banking is all about and what Washington Financial Bank has been focused on for 125 years.

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