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To the Editor:

Washington Federal Savings Bank: A Sense of Security in an Insecure World

December 2008: BAUERFINANCIAL, Inc., Coral Gables, Florida, is pleased to announce that **Washington Federal Savings Bank, Washington, Pennsylvania** has earned its highest 5-Star Superior rating for financial strength and stability. It is heartening to know that there are still well run community banks, like Washington Federal Savings Bank, that have risen above the calamity that has befallen so many others. The 5-Star Superior rating is based on the overall financial picture of the bank and indicates that Washington Federal Savings Bank is one of the strongest banks in the nation.

“It gives me great pleasure to announce that there are still banks, like Washington Federal Savings Bank, that continue to build a sense of security in this insecure world,” heralds Karen L. Dorway, president of BAUERFINANCIAL. “Residents in and around Washington have the privilege of banking with a true community bank that has stuck to true, common-sense, banking values. They can sleep soundly in the knowledge that they are banking with one of the strongest banks in the country.”

Washington Federal Savings Bank was established in 1899 and has been serving the financial needs of its neighbors and friends for 109 years. It currently operates through eight conveniently located offices in Canonsburg, Hickory, McMurray and Washington and can be found on the internet at www.washfed.com.

Washington Federal Savings Bank: “Your 5-Star Community Bank.”

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