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To the Editor:

5-Star Washington Financial Bank Soars Above the Competition

June 2010: It is with great pride that **BAUERFINANCIAL, Inc., Coral Gables, Florida,** announces that **Washington Financial Bank, Washington, Pennsylvania** has earned its highest 5-Star Superior rating for strength and stability. The past few years have been extremely difficult for the banking industry and the fact that Washington Financial Bank continues to excel in such areas as capital adequacy, delinquent loan levels and profitability, clearly indicates it is one of the strongest banks in the country. In fact, Washington Financial Bank has earned this top 5-Star rating for eight consecutive quarters.

“With a full ten percent of the nation’s banks now on the FDIC’s “problem” list and even more on ours,” notes Karen L. Dorway, president of BAUERFINANCIAL, “the fact that Washington Financial Bank continues to not just withstand the pressures, but even excel in this environment, indicates its management is doing things right. Bauer’s stringent 5-Star requirements haven’t changed, but the climate definitely has and the fact that Washington Financial Bank has earned this prestigious rating sets it well above the competition.”

Washington Financial Bank was established in 1899 and has been serving the banking needs of its neighbors and friends for 111 years. It operates through several conveniently located offices throughout Washington County and can also be found on the internet at www.mywashingtonfinancial.com.

Washington Financial Bank: “Your 5-Star Community Bank.”

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