

# Media Release



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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**To the Editor:**

## Washington Financial Bank One of the Nation's Strongest Banks

**November 2010: Washington Financial Bank, Washington, Pennsylvania** has once again earned the a recommended rating for strength and stability from **BAUERFINANCIAL, Inc., Coral Gables, Florida**, the nation's bank rating firm. Earning Bauer's recommended 4-Star Excellent rating indicates that Washington Financial Bank is one of the strongest banks in the country excelling in such areas as capital adequacy, delinquent loan levels and profitability. In fact, Washington Financial Bank has earned this recommended designation for the past 84 consecutive quarters.

"There has been a lot of debate recently about how much capital banks should have on hand," explains Karen L. Dorway, president of BAUERFINANCIAL. "That has never been a question here at Bauer. A sizeable capital cushion can make all the difference in an economic crisis. In fact, we consider it so important that in order to earn a 4-Star rating from Bauer, Washington Financial Bank's capital ratios are at least one and a half times what federal regulators require. With twenty-seven years to back us up, Bauer has always believed that capital is king."

Established in 1899, Washington Financial Bank has been serving the banking needs of its neighbors and friends for 111 years. It operates through eight conveniently located offices in Canonsburg, Hickory, McMurray and Washington and can also be found on the internet at [www.mywashingtonfinancial.com](http://www.mywashingtonfinancial.com).

Washington Financial Bank: "On account of you."

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