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To the Editor:

***5-Star* Washington Financial Bank** **Investing in the Success of People and Communities**

Washington, Pennsylvania - December 2025: Washington Financial Bank, Washington, PA is proud to announce it is starting 2026 with a **5-Star Superior rating** from **BauerFinancial, the Nation's Premier Bank Rating Firm**. A 5-Star Superior rating indicates that Washington Financial Bank is one of the strongest banks in the nation, excelling in areas of capital, loan quality, stability and more. This marks the 145th consecutive quarter that Washington Financial Bank has earned a recommended rating (5-Stars or 4-Stars) from the rating firm. **(That's over 36 years!)** What an honor it is to start 2026 with this commendation.

"Because community banks put their focus on local people and small businesses, they are perfectly positioned to provide the specialized support that is unique to their area," assures Karen L. Dorway, president of BauerFinancial. "Community banks, like Washington Financial Bank, promote local growth by investing back into the same neighborhoods their deposits come from. By fostering these local relationships, they accomplish two goals: they are highly capitalized, and they are accountable to their customers."

Established in 1899, Washington Financial Bank has been reinvesting in its local communities for 127 years. Today, its focus remains as it always has, to meet the needs of its customers, even as those needs evolve.

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