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To the Editor:

Community Focus Pays Off as Riverside Bank Earns Highest 5-Star Rating

January 2012: BAUERFINANCIAL, Inc., Coral Gables, Florida, the nation's leading bank rating and research firm, proudly recognizes **Riverside Bank, Poughkeepsie, New York** as a Superior 5-Star rated bank. A 5-Star rating denotes that Riverside Bank is one of the best in the nation in terms of its overall financial performance. In fact, Riverside Bank has earned this 5-Star Superior rating for the last nine consecutive quarters.

"The recent uproar against Big Banks has shed a whole new light on community banks, and for good reason," observes Karen L. Dorway, president of BAUERFINANCIAL. "While the primary focus of the big banks is dividend payments, smaller banks tend to be locals and therefore more in tune with the communities they serve. This community focus has paid off as Riverside Bank has earned Bauer's highest 5-Star rating for strength and stability.

Established in 1988, Riverside Bank has proudly served its local communities for 24 years. It currently operates through four conveniently located offices in Fishkill, Newburgh and Poughkeepsie and can also be found on the internet at www.riversidebankhv.com.

Riverside Bank: "Banking the way it should be."

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