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### To the Editor:

## Riverside Bank Earns 4-Star Rating for Financial Strength and Stability

February 2006: BAUERFINANCIAL, the nation's leading independent bank rating and research firm, is pleased to announce that Riverside Bank, Poughkeepsie, New York, has achieved its 4-star excellent rating for financial strength and stability. This rating indicates that BAUERFINANCIAL unconditionally recommends Riverside Bank and has done so for 42 consecutive quarters.

"Earning a 4-Star rating is in itself a worthy achievement - evidence of consistently sound management, financial strength and performance," said Karen L. Dorway, president of the research firm. "Earning a recommended rating 42 consecutive times is really something to be proud of," she continued. "When a local bank achieves the 4-Star rating, it is a reflection of not only the bank, but the community it serves and its commitment to that community. Mr. David S. MacFarland, Riverside Bank's president and CEO, should be very proud of his team and their accomplishment."

Riverside Bank was established in 1988 and has been committed to the needs of its neighbors and friends for 18 years. Currently it operates through four conveniently located offices in Fishkill, Newburgh and Poughkeepsie. Riverside Bank can also be found on the internet at [www.riversidebankhv.com](http://www.riversidebankhv.com).

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

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