



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

January 3, 2005

Contact

Tara Perkins, Director of Public Relations, PostScript, Inc.
444 South Union Street, Burlington, VT 05401
802.863.2568, ext. 13 / tara@postscriptinc.com

SOUTH BURLINGTON, VT—Thomas S. Leavitt, Senior Vice President, Retail Banking for Merchants Bank announced that Shelley Rainville has been promoted to the position of Lender/Customer Representative for the St. Albans’ branch of Merchants Bank.

Rainville began her career at the College Street branch in June of 2002 and subsequently, earned lending authority in November of 2004. Rainville has originated all consumer and residential loan types and has experience in customer service, sales and branch operations.

“Shelley has been an instrumental part of the St. Albans team, including being the ‘in charge’ person for the branch on a number of occasions,” said St. Albans’ Branch President, Darlene Cooper.

“I embrace the opportunity to take on additional responsibility and look forward to this new challenge,” commented Rainville.

The continuing mission of Merchants Bank is to provide Vermonters with a true community bank. It fulfills this commitment through a branch-based system that includes 35 bank offices throughout Vermont, employees dedicated to quality customer service and the LYNX family of products: Free Checking for Life[®], MoneyLYNX[®] Money Market Account, TimeLYNX[®] Certificate of Deposit, HomeLYNX[®] Home Equity Line of Credit, ReallYNX[®] Residential Mortgages, CommerceLYNX[®] Business Banking Services, eLYNX[®] Online Banking and PhoneLYNXSM Automated Phone Banking. For more information about Merchants Bank visit our website at www.mbvt.com. Member FDIC. Equal Housing Lender.