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To the Editor:

5-Star Hastings City Bank: Committed to its Customers and Community

March 2014: Hastings City Bank, Hastings, Michigan is proud to announce it has once again earned a 5-Star Superior rating from **BAUERFINANCIAL, Coral Gables, Florida**, the nation's bank rating firm. This latest rating is based on December 31, 2013 financial data and signifies that Hastings City Bank is one of the strongest banks in the nation. Hastings City Bank has earned and maintained a 5-Star rating for the latest 18 consecutive quarters.

"While the national economy saw modest growth in 2013", reflects Karen L. Dorway, president of the rating firm, "through its strength and commitment, Hastings City Bank has been able to shine. The people who work at Hastings City Bank know that its well-being and that of the community are inextricably tied to one another. By supporting and promoting their customers, employees of Hastings City Bank are making a positive difference right where they live."

Hastings City Bank has been working to earn customers' trust since 1886. Its commitment to the community has not faltered in those 128 years. Hastings City Bank currently operates through seven conveniently located branch offices in Bellevue, Caledonia, Hastings, Marshall, Middleville, Nashville and Wayland. Hastings City Bank (www.hastingscitybank.com) is a member of the **FDIC** and an Equal Housing Lender.

Hastings City Bank: "...meeting customer needs, exceeding expectations."

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