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To the Editor:

5-Star Hastings City Bank

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Established in 1886, Hastings City Bank has proudly been serving its local communities for 126 years. It currently operates through six conveniently located offices in Bellevue, Caledonia, Hastings, Middleville, Nashville and Wayland and can be found on the internet at www.hastingscitybank.com.

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