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To the Editor:

5-Star Hastings City Bank Reliable, Secure and Loyal

June 2014: BAUERFINANCIAL, INC., Coral Gables, Florida, the nation's bank rating firm, commends **Hastings City Bank, Hastings, Michigan** for proving once again that it is a steadfast and invaluable partner to the communities it serves.

The FDIC touts the benefits of community banks, saying they are "important providers of credit to small businesses and serve hundreds of counties and thousands of communities that are overlooked by larger noncommunity institutions." (FDIC Quarterly 2014, Volume 8, No. 2.) Karen L. Dorway, president of BauerFinancial, added, "Community banks, like Hastings City Bank, that have been able to earn and maintain Bauer's top rating for strength and security reflect that deep-rooted sense of loyalty to the local community."

Hastings City Bank's latest 5-Star rating is based on March 31, 2014 financial data and signifies that it is one of the strongest banks in the nation. Hastings City Bank has earned and maintained this top 5-Star rating for the past 19 consecutive quarters.

Hastings City Bank was established in 1886 and has been a dedicated and reliable community partner for 128 years. It 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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