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To the Editor:

5-Star Hastings City Bank A Beacon in the Community

September 2012: Hastings City Bank, Hastings, Michigan proudly announces it has once again received a Superior 5-Star rating from **BAUERFINANCIAL, Inc.**, the nation's leading bank rating and research firm. A 5-Star rating signifies that Hastings City Bank is one of the strongest banks in the nation.

"Consumers and businesses alike have come to depend on Bauer's 5-Star rating system as they navigate through their banking choices," comments Karen L. Dorway, president of the rating firm. "They know to look for the 5-Star logo to ensure that the trust they have in their bank is well-placed. Under the leadership of Mr. Mark A. Kolanowski, CEO, the dedicated team at Hastings City Bank has earned that trust and respect."

To earn this Superior 5-Star rating, Hastings City Bank excels in areas of capital, asset quality, profitability and much more. What's more, Hastings City Bank has earned this highest rating for the latest 12 consecutive quarters.

Hastings City Bank was established in 1886 and has been serving the banking needs of 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.

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

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