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Community Banking Thrives at 5-Star Hastings City Bank

December 2014: Hastings City Bank, Hastings, Michigan is proud to announce it has earned BAUERFINANCIAL's 5-Star Superior rating for strength and security, proof positive that you don't have to be the biggest to be the best.

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"Local decisions, responsive service and a dedication to making the community a better place to live. These are the hallmarks of community banks and they are alive and thriving at Hastings City Bank", champions Karen L. Dorway, president of BauerFinancial. "Community banks have an understanding of what the community needs and provide the financial support tailored to those needs. The money deposited into a community bank is loaned back out to the community. It all stays local", she continued.

In 2015 Hastings City Bank will be celebrating 129 years of service to the community. Established in 1886, Hastings City Bank (www.hastingscitybank.com) currently operates through seven conveniently located branch offices in Bellevue, Caledonia, Hastings, Marshall, Middleville, Nashville and Wayland.

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

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