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5-Star Highpoint Community Bank: Doing the Right Thing

September 2019, Coral Gables, Florida: BauerFinancial, the Nation's Premier Bank Rating Firm, commends Highpoint Community Bank, Hastings, Michigan on its achievement of another 5-Star Superior Rating. Not only has Highpoint Community Bank earned Bauer's highest (5-Star) rating for financial strength and stability, it has maintained that top rating for 40 consecutive quarters giving it the added status of being an *"Exceptional Performance Bank"*. This designation is reserved specifically for banks that have earned Bauer's highest rating continuously for ten years or longer. Earning and maintaining Bauer's highest 5-Star rating indicates Highpoint Community Bank is one of the strongest banks in the nation.

"BAUERFINANCIAL would like to congratulate **Mr**. **Mark Kolanowski**, **President and CEO** and the entire team at Highpoint Community Bank. Strong leadership and dedication to excellence both inside the bank and outside in the community are the building blocks for success," remarked Karen L. Dorway, president of the research firm. "Community banks, like Highpoint Community Bank, are fiscally-fit because they go the extra mile to help their neighbors and friends be fiscally-fit as well. In the end, Highpoint Community Bank reaps the benefits of the strong communities it helped to build," concluded Dorway.

Highpoint Community Bank was established in 1886 and has been serving its neighbors and friends both ethically and fairly for 133 years. Today, Highpoint Community Bank operates through seven conveniently located offices in Bellevue, Caledonia, Hastings, Marshall, Middleville, Nashville and Wayland and can also be found online at <u>highpointcommunitybank.com</u>.

Highpoint Community Bank: "Your Hometown Bank Since 1886."

Member of the FDIC and an Equal Housing Lender.

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