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To the Editor:

Through Increasingly Difficult Environment, Hastings City Bank Boasts Top Safety Rating

August 2008: Hastings City Bank, Hastings, Michigan stands strong in the current environment while many financial institutions are faltering. You don't have to take their word for it, though; Hastings City Bank has earned a 5-Star Superior rating from **BAUERFINANCIAL, Inc.** of Coral Gables, FL, the nation's leading independent bank rating and research firm. The 5-Star rating is based on the overall financial picture of the bank and indicates that Hastings City Bank is one of the strongest banks in the nation. What's more, this represents the 55th consecutive quarter that Hastings City Bank has earned this highest honor giving it the added distinction of being an "Exceptional Performance Bank". Only institutions that have achieved this highest 5-Star rating for ten years or longer can claim this distinction.

"In a climate where it is increasingly difficult to shine, Hastings City Bank proves it can be done," remarks Karen L. Dorway, president of the research firm. "In fact, local residents should be proud that their community bank is one of the elite financial institutions in the nation. They can rest assured that their deposits are well-placed in this 5-Star bank."

Established in 1886, Hastings City Bank has been pleased to fulfill the financial needs of its neighbors and friends for 122 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...and Exceeding Their Expectations."

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