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## Community Icon, Pioneer Bank, Named Among Top 4 Extraordinary Banks in U.S.A.

Mankato, MN, September 19, 2017 - Pioneer Bank, a local southern Minnesota icon, was just named one of the top four extraordinary banks in the United States by The Institute for Extraordinary Banking™.

Pioneer Bank was recognized with the Institute's Overall Excellence Banky™ Award for exemplary performance in five areas of banking - philanthropy, customer service, thought leadership, workplace culture and financial literacy education. Pioneer Bank was also named a finalist for the 2017 Extraordinary Banking™ Award--the top banking honor in the nation. This is the second consecutive year the bank has been named a national finalist, the only bank in the country to earn that distinction. They are also the only Minnesota bank ever to be named a national finalist for this award.

"The role of a community bank is to be a partner with the communities they serve. Our ownership and staff are 'all in' on that commitment. This recognition is a reflection of the effectiveness of that partnership," said Pioneer Bank CEO David Krause. "To be recognized as a national finalist two years in a row is humbling and motivates us to make an even greater commitment to make our communities better in the years ahead."

The Extraordinary Banking™ Awards exist to highlight the vital, yet often overlooked, role that local, community banks play in our economy. Consumers use the Grammys to guide their music purchases, the Emmys to lead them to the best of television, and the Tonys to discover outstanding live theater...

And now, consumers have the Bankys™ as their guide to discovering the very best, most extraordinary banks in their communities, and in the country.

The Bankys™ recognize the top 1% of banks--The Best Banks in America™.

Pioneer Bank is a \$400 million community bank with locations in Mankato, North Mankato, St. James, Mapleton, Madelia, Lewisville and Lake Crystal. Their website is [www.bankwithpioneer.com](http://www.bankwithpioneer.com).

To schedule an interview or get more information, call David Krause at 507-317-1923 during business hours.

