

## ***Press Release***

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### ***Beck joins Pioneer Bank in Madelia***

One of southern Minnesota's strongest community banks announced the addition of an ag and business banker in their Madelia branch. "I'm proud to announce that David Beck has joined us in Madelia as an ag and business banker," said Steve Cooling, President of the bank's Central Market. "David brings a strong family farm and accounting background to his role at the bank. We are looking forward to his contributions to the bank, our customers and the Madelia community."

Beck is a lifelong area resident growing up on his family's farm in northern Watonwan County. He is a graduate of St. James High School and Gustavus Adolphus College.

Cooling said Beck will work closely with Dennis Swenson as Swenson prepares for his retirement. "We are fortunate that David has such a strong and experienced mentor to work with and learn from as he begins his career at Pioneer Bank," said Cooling. "That time with Dennis and David's strong ag background make him a perfect fit for this new role."

Pioneer Bank has grown to over \$400 million in total assets and has offices in Mankato, North Mankato, St. James, Mapleton, Madelia, Lewisville and a loan production office in Lake Crystal. The bank was recently named one of the top three extraordinary banks in the United States by the Institute for Extraordinary Banking® in a special ceremony in Chicago, Illinois. The bank was recognized with the Institute's Overall Excellence Banky® for exemplary performance in five areas of banking – philanthropy, customer service, thought leadership, workplace culture and financial literacy education. For more information on the award, go to [www.BankyAwards.com](http://www.BankyAwards.com).

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