



## Press Release



*For immediate release  
June 1, 2017*

*Contact: David P. Krause  
[dkrause@bankwithpioneer.com](mailto:dkrause@bankwithpioneer.com) 507.375.3201*

### ***Newhouse, Bottin join Pioneer Bank, Gullixson named Business Banker***

Pioneer Bank, Extraordinary Bank of the Year national finalist for 2016, announced the addition of two key bankers to their team. “I’m proud to announce that Nate Newhouse has joined us in Mankato as a Business banker, Heather Bottin has joined us in St. James as a Mortgage and Personal Banker and David Gullixson has been named a Business Banker,” said bank CEO David Krause.

“Nate is a seasoned banker who will provide strength and depth to our Greater Mankato team,” said Krause. “He is a proven relationship builder and a committed community leader”.

Born and raised in Estherville, Iowa, Newhouse is a graduate of Iowa Lakes Community College and Buena Vista University. He holds certificates from Consumer Lending School, Compliance School, Leadership Institute, Commercial Credit School, the Iowa School of Banking and the Graduate School of Banking in Colorado. In addition to time with his family, Nate enjoys hiking, pheasant hunting, biking, music and playing the drums.

“Heather is an experienced mortgage loan originator,” said Krause. “She brings added depth to our residential mortgage program and provides us with the opportunity to build on the mortgage products and services we already offer.”

A graduate of Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa, Bottin has ten years of experience in banking in southern Minnesota. Away from her work, she enjoys the piano, scrapbooking, fishing, hunting, riding snowmobile and planning her upcoming wedding!

“David has developed strong skills as a commercial loan credit analyst during his tenure with the bank,” Krause said. “He is in a unique position to apply those skills to building relationships with area businesses.”

Born and raised in the Greater Mankato area, Gullixson attended Bethany Lutheran College graduating with honors in Business Administration with an emphasis in Finance and Management. His past experience includes time with Eide Bailly as a Compliance Associate for nearly 5 years. Competitive in nature, he played amateur baseball for the Mankato Cubs for four years and enjoys golf, disc golf, volleyball, and softball. Other interests include fishing, hunting, occasional wood working projects and spending time with his family.

experience for the relationships we are growing,” Krause said. “Nate, Heather and David are great additions to our team of bankers.”

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).

The bank’s website is [www.bankwithpioneer.com](http://www.bankwithpioneer.com).

