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# Minnesota National Bank Celebrated Among Nations's Best: A Testament to Local Trust

Atlanta, Georgia, September 12, 2024 - Minnesota National Bank, a local icon in Central Minnesota with offices in Sauk Centre, Long Prairie, and Pelican Rapids, was just named among the top extraordinary banks in the United States by The Institute for Extraordinary Banking™.

The Institute recognized Minnesota National Bank with five prestigious awards.

1. **Banky™ Award** - for commitment to strong community banking.
2. **BanksGiving™ Banky™ Award** - in recognition for extraordinary philanthropy and their commitment to the strategic direction of their communities.
3. **Above-and-Beyond Customer Service Banky™ Award** - for their systems and follow-through that create a consistent level of proven, exemplary customer service for clients.
4. **Money Smarts Banky™ Award** - for Financial Literacy Education resulting from their extraordinary service to their customers and community through a commitment to financial literacy programs.
5. **Thank God It's Monday!™ Culture Banky™ Award** - for demonstrating a culture where people bring their best selves to work to make an impact on their customers and communities.

These recognitions are given to top community banks across the country to help people find the best banks in their communities.

Minnesota National Bank CEO, Steve Jennings, stated, "At Minnesota National Bank, we believe in fostering an outstanding workplace culture where our dedicated teammates thrive. We are committed to providing financial literacy education, empowering our community with the knowledge to make informed financial decisions. Our philanthropic efforts reflect our deep-rooted dedication to giving back, and our exceptional customer service goes above and beyond to meet the needs of those we serve. We are proud to be a community bank, where highly skilled and responsive teammates generously give their time to support local organizations. We are truly blessed to have such wonderful customers who inspire us every day. At Minnesota National Bank, we love serving our customers and community, and we are honored to be recognized for our efforts."

The Extraordinary Banking™ Awards emphasize the indispensable contribution community banks make to their communities—how deeply woven into the fabric of the community they are. Their role in elevating the national economy is profound yet often misunderstood. Community banks are the beacon that illuminates their local communities and the pillar of small business success.

Roxanne Emmerich, Chair and Founder of The Institute for Extraordinary Banking™, proclaimed during the awards ceremony: "Community banks recognize aspirations, dreams, and silent hopes of small businesses and individuals within their communities. The heart and soul of an extraordinary community bank is the visionary blueprint for the community's success and ability to enact that plan. Those banks, Top 5 Percenters™ in the industry, were chosen to receive this year's Banky awards."

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