



# Star Bank Receives National Award from The Institute for Extraordinary Banking™

Maple Lake, MN – **Star Bank was just named among the top extraordinary banks in the United States by The Institute for Extraordinary Banking™.** The bank was recognized with the Institute’s **Banky™ Award** for its commitment to strong community banking. This recognition is given to top community banks across the country to help people find the best banks in their communities.

*“Star Bank assisted more than 800 businesses during the recent pandemic which is a testament of our unwavering dedication to the communities that we serve. I am very proud of our team and thankful for the customers who have entrusted us as their local community bank over the last 30+ years,”* said President/CEO Harry Wahlquist.

The Extraordinary Banking™ Awards highlight the vital yet often overlooked role that local community banks play in our nation’s economy. Without a vibrant local banking industry, our small businesses and families often lack the have-your-back support of a true community bank that makes communities really thrive.

The Extraordinary Banking™ Awards recognize the best of what community banks offer to our cities, towns, and nation: a true commitment to the success of the small businesses and local community they serve.

Roxanne Emmerich, Chair and Founder of The Institute for Extraordinary Banking™, proclaimed during the awards ceremony: “Community banks like Star Bank are the backbone of America. They are what keeps a community thriving. When a community bank leaves a community, small businesses often struggle to stay, and jobs leave. Every robust community has a strong community bank that understands how to help that community thrive and grow.” Congratulations to Star Bank for this national recognition!