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Tom Gronstal, Bob Butcher Honored by Iowa Bankers Association for 50 Years of Service
Gronstal, Butcher two of 22 bankers to receive IBA 50-Year Banker designation.

(October 12, 2023) – Tom Gronstal of Availa Bank, Carroll and Bob Butcher of Availa Bank, Holstein were recently honored by the Iowa Bankers Association for more than 50 years of service at a bank. The award was presented to Gronstal and Butcher during the IBA Annual Convention on Monday, Sept. 18, in Des Moines. Gronstal and Butcher were two of 22 individuals recognized for reaching the 50-year service milestone.

“Each year, it’s amazing to hear these bankers’ stories of dedication to their communities and the many relationships they formed throughout their 50-plus years of service. We’re honored to be able to celebrate the exemplary commitment and experience of Gronstal and Butcher,” said IBA President and CEO John Sorensen.

Gronstal began his banking career in 1973. Over the course of his career, he would hold the title of examiner, banker, IBA chairman, superintendent of banking, and chairman of the Conference of State Bank Supervisors. Gronstal was also awarded the James A. Leach Leadership Award for outstanding leadership in banking in 2011.

Butcher grew up on a century-old farm near Holstein and began his lending career as an intern with Farm Credit Services in 1973. He became an ag loan officer in 1975, and in 1995, helped form American National Bank of Holstein. Butcher went on to hold a market president role at another bank before they merged with Availa Bank. He retained his title as Market President and still serves in that role at the Holstein branch today.

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About the Iowa Bankers Association: The Iowa Bankers Association has represented Iowa banks and savings institutions for more than 135 years. Iowa bankers are committed to the values of honesty, hard work and community service, and have been a trusted resource for Iowans for nearly two centuries. Iowa banks offer FDIC insurance and lend \$81 billion to help individuals, business owners and agriculture. Nearly 40,000 Iowans work at an Iowa bank, and bank employees volunteer more than 300,000 hours to support local communities each year. To learn more, visit www.iowabankers.com.

About Availa Bank: Availa Bank’s roots date back to 1870 when it was originally chartered. Availa is the first three syllables of the word available, a word that defines the bank’s mission – to empower our team to inspire and enable our clients and the communities we serve to achieve financial success. Availa Bank locations are in the following communities: Ames, Ankeny, Carroll, Coon Rapids, Council Bluffs, Fort Dodge, Holstein, Jewell, Nevada, Omaha (LPO Only), Pocahontas, Sioux City, and Webster City. For more information about Availa Bank, visit www.Availa.Bank. Member FDIC