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## **Availa Bank Welcomes New Loan Officer** *Branygon Kirsch joins the Fort Dodge team.*

Fort Dodge, Iowa (September 16, 2024) – Availa Bank is pleased to announce the hiring of Branygon Kirsch (NMLS #2053023) as Loan Officer at the Fort Dodge location. Kirsch will be responsible for procuring and maintaining commercial and agricultural banking clients at Availa Bank.

Kirsch graduated from Iowa State University with a degree in agricultural business. She has currently completed one year of Ag Credit School through the Iowa Bankers Association. Kirsch has over 10 years of experience in the banking industry and has held positions as a Credit Analyst, Ag Banking Trainee, Agricultural Credit Analyst, Business Banker, and Loan Advisor.

Kirsch just moved to Fort Dodge this past May and is excited to get more involved in the community. She was raised on a dairy farm and was very active in 4-H and FFA programs growing up. Her husband is the head men's basketball coach at Iowa Central Community College, and along with their two-year-old daughter, they spend a lot of time watching basketball, going to Iowa State University sporting events, or spending time with family and friends.

Dave Flattery, Fort Dodge Market President, is looking forward to having Kirsch's lending expertise in the Fort Dodge market. "We're excited to have Branygon join our team. Her strong credit background in both agricultural and commercial lending, along with her professionalism and dedication to providing exceptional service, make her a valuable asset as we continue to serve our community and meet our clients' needs," he says.

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