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## Availa Bank Receives Bauer 5 Star Superior Rating

Community and customer service remain the highest priorities for the bank.

Carroll, Iowa (April 23, 2025) – Availa Bank is proud to announce they have received a 5-Star Superior Rating from Bauer Financial. This honor is awarded to banks based on a number of different financial criteria, including profitability/loss trends, level of delinquent loans, the community reinvestment rating, historical data and liquidity, and more.

Since their establishment date in 1870, Availa Bank has been a cornerstone in many communities across Iowa. In their over 150 years in business, they've never lost sight of their purpose: to enable their clients and the communities they serve to achieve financial success.

Jeff Scharfenkamp, President and CEO of Availa Bank, says of the award, "At Availa Bank, we believe our people make a difference. We have always recognized the skills and talents that set our team above the rest. We are proud to be acknowledged by Bauer Financial with this 5-star rating and know that we will continue to strive for excellence in everything we do."

Tom Gronstal, Chairman of the Board for Availa Bank, echoes Scharfenkamp's sentiments, "The Bauer 5-Star rating we received is a testament to the incredible hard work, dedication, and passion of our Availa Bank team. For over 150 years, our main focus has always been our customers and our community. Thank you to Bauer Financial for recognizing our efforts."

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**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 <a href="https://www.Availa.Bank">www.Availa.Bank</a>. Member FDIC



