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Ft. Dodge Branch Hires New Senior Loan Officer Craig Schlien, Ft. Dodge native, fills the position

Fort Dodge, Iowa (August 20, 2021) – Availa Bank in Fort Dodge is proud to announce the hiring of Craig Schlien as Senior Loan Officer.

In his new role, Craig will be responsible for developing new and existing commercial client relationships, ensuring the needs of the business are met, including loans, deposits, and cash management services.

Craig has a strong educational background, with degrees from Iowa Central Community College, the University of Iowa, and Barrett Graduate School of Banking in Memphis, TN. He previously held positions at various banks as a Deposit/Loan Operations Supervisor, Market Manager, Branch Manager, Senior Vice President (Loan Operations/Loan Servicing), and Market President.

Craig grew up in Fort Dodge, briefly leaving for college before coming back in 2003 to begin a career in banking. As a native of the area, Craig is very involved in the community. He currently serves as a Development Board Member for Saint Edmond Catholic Schools Foundation, a Parish Council Member for Holy Trinity Catholic Church, a member of the Finance Committee for Saint Edmond Catholic School, a Board Member for Shellabration Inc. and the Fort Dodge Community Recreation Center, and as an active member of the Noon Kiwanis Club.

Outside of work, Craig spends time with his wife, Jamie, and daughter, Sophia, playing basketball and softball, riding bikes, or enjoying the many other recreational opportunities the community has to offer.

Dave Flattery, Fort Dodge Market President, is happy to have Craig on board. “We are excited to have Craig join our Availa team. Craig brings to the bank years of experience in both bank operations and lending. He is active in the community and strives to make the Fort Dodge region a better place to live and work,” he says.

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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 always be available to customers, communities, and employees with competitive products and responsive service. Availa Bank locations are in the following communities: Ames, Ankeny, Arcadia, Carroll, Coon Rapids, Council Bluffs, Denison, Fort Dodge, Holstein, Jewell, Nevada, Pocahontas, Roland, Sioux City and Webster City. For more information about Availa Bank, visit www.Availa.Bank. Member FDIC.