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Nevada Branch Announces Retirement of Market President

Nevada Market President Sharon Johnson set to retire.

Nevada, Iowa (May 1, 2021) – After 44 years in banking, Sharon Johnson is retiring as Nevada Market President at Availa Bank.

Sharon started her career in banking as a bookkeeper/teller and has held several different positions throughout the years, including Compliance Officer, HR Manager, Cashier, and most recently, Market President.

Sharon has been part of the Availa Bank team for 14 years and says the best part of her career has been the customers. “Every day is different, and each customer’s needs are different,” she says.

In retirement, Sharon hopes to help her family with farm operations and spend time outside cycling, walking, and hiking with her dogs. She is looking forward to having a more flexible schedule to attend grandchildren’s activities and doing more sewing and quilting.

Jeff Scharfenkamp, CEO and President of Availa Bank, wishes Sharon well in her retirement, “A big thank you and congratulations to Sharon Johnson. She has done an outstanding job of serving Availa Bank and the Nevada and Story County community. She is a true professional with an exceptional focus on serving the needs of customers and her fellow team members of the bank,” he says.

Other team members offer their best wishes for Sharon, including Kevin Brooks, EVP and Director of Growth & Relationship Development, “We applaud Sharon for what she has done during her banking career, impacting her community, the clients she served, and her Availa Bank team members. Every day Sharon’s focus has been about helping others. It has been Availa Bank’s privilege to have Sharon on our team. May each day going forward offer Sharon a reason to smile, laugh, and enjoy retirement,” he says.

Kevin Geis, Eastern Region Manager and Ames Market President, says, “Sharon has always set high standards for herself resulting in her being known as an outstanding community banker. Her priority has always been to focus on how Availa Bank can support the Nevada community and how to bring great value to her customers. Sharon’s leadership and commitment to her team members will be missed. I wish Sharon success and joy in her next stage of life.”

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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, Roland, Sioux City, Pocahontas and Webster City. For more information about Availa Bank, visit www.Availa.Bank. Member FDIC.