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Financial Role: Dave Stemper of First Bank Financial Centre



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New Position: Home loan lender with First Bank Financial Centre, Oconomowoc

Hometown: Hartland

Education: Bachelor of business administration degree in finance from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

What Attracted You to Your New Opportunity?: "I've lived in the Lake Country area my entire life so working with a community bank seemed like the perfect fit. Day 1, I saw people I went to school with so it felt natural right away."

Thoughts on Your Position: "I always enjoy helping people with their financial situations. To be able to tell someone this loan will save you a few hundred a month, you get smiles. Helping people buy their first home or move into their next home means I get to help someone with their biggest investment. That's very exciting and I am happy to help with that dream."

Career Advice: "Although it is easier said than done for me, do things right away, don't wait. The sooner you take care of it, the sooner you can move on to the next item. Also, make sure you take time for family. Your work will always be there but your kids grow up fast. Volunteer at their school just once and see the smiles on their face. You won't forget it."

First Job: Caddying at Chenequa Country Club

Personal hero: "The people who protect our country every day and are far from home for a long time are my heroes. I can't thank them enough."

Last book read: "Because my girls bring home book every night and are required to read so many hours a month, I get to read books that I never had the

opportunity to read when I was a kid. This week it's 'Cam Jansen and the Pizza Shop Mystery'."

Person you would most like to meet: "Before I was in the mortgage business, I was in the investment business and the person who always catches my attention is Jim Cramer from CNBC. He's entertaining, and usually has some good investment ideas. I'd like to pick his brain on how am I going to be able to retire early."

Family: "My wife, Nicole, married for 15 years, who also grew up in the Lake Country area, and my two daughters, Sydney, age 9, and Danielle, age 7. They go to the same grade school I went to when I was younger."

Favorite vacation spot: "Tybee Island, Georgia. We have been taking the girls there since they were born and we were going there even before them. Just outside of Savannah, with its rich Southern history. We wanted a place that our girls could always look back one day and remember our family trips there. The beaches in Tybee are amazing."

Most meaningful accomplishment: "To be able to raise my family in the community I grew up and where I believe they will have a great opportunity to do whatever they choose in high school. That is most meaningful to me."

Favorite film: Forrest Gump

Favorite Milwaukee-area restaurant: "When we get a chance to get out, it's usually local but I would have to say Palmer's Steakhouse in Hartland. Steaks, second to none."

Likes about Milwaukee: "The Milwaukee Brewers and tailgating. The Milwaukee County Zoo. The lake, I don't think people from outside of Wisconsin realize how big it really is. Milwaukee is a big city but still has the feel of a big community with all the events that are here."

What you most like doing in your free time: "Spending as much time with the family as possible. Playing, and teaching golf to the girls so I have my excuse to be out at the course. Watching my girls compete in swimming for the Lake Country Phoenix Swim Team. Camping during the summertime at the state parks."