

Bank of Granite

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Bank of Granite names Barnes Loan Officer in Wilkesboro

Cindy B. Barnes recently joined Bank of Granite as loan officer at its Wilkesboro office. The bank is located at 2841 Highway 421 West. Matthew B. Daye, vice president, made the announcement. "We're very pleased to have someone with Cindy's dedication to high-quality customer service join our team," said Daye. "Her banking experience and lending knowledge is a great asset to our customers and to the bank."

Barnes comes to Bank of Granite with more than 27 years in the banking industry. She received a Bachelors of Science in business administration from Gardner-Webb University in Boiling Springs, N.C. Barnes is involved with United Way and is an active member with the Wilkesboro Chamber of Commerce.

Barnes lives in Wilkesboro with her son, Jonathan, 18, who attends Wilkes Community College. She and her fiancé, Ron Pearson, are members of Wilkesboro Baptist Church. The couple plans a July wedding.

"I am delighted to become a member of the Bank of Granite family," said Barnes. "I look forward to helping continue the 100-year legacy of providing great customer service and giving to the community."

Bank of Granite and Granite Mortgage are subsidiaries of Bank of Granite Corporation whose stock is traded on The NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol "GRAN." The bank operates 22 full-service banking offices in Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Forsyth, Iredell, Mecklenburg, Watauga, and Wilkes counties. Granite Mortgage, headquartered in Winston-Salem, originates home mortgages in these counties and in Fayetteville, Greensboro, and Salisbury, N.C.

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