

# Bank of Granite

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## **Blackburn and Melton Join Bank of Granite**

Sandra T. Blackburn and Barbara M. Melton recently joined Bank of Granite at its Wilkesboro office. The bank is located at 2841 Highway 421 W. Matthew "Matt" B. Daye, vice president and Wilkes county executive made the announcement. "Sandra and Barbara bring invaluable experience to our bank," said Daye. "Their knowledge and dedication will allow us to build even stronger partnerships with our customers."

A Wilkesboro native, Blackburn comes to Bank of Granite with more than 25 years of experience in the banking industry. As customer service and sales representative, she will have direct customer interaction with responsibilities from opening new accounts to providing assistance with a wide range of banking needs. "I'm thrilled to be with my new bank family," said Blackburn. "This team really knows how to provide great customer service."

Blackburn and husband, Danny, reside in Wilkesboro. They have three adult sons, Jason, Jonah and Joel Blackburn.

Joining the bank as teller supervisor, Melton has more than 27 years of banking experience. In her role Melton will oversee the day-to-day operation of the teller line as well as provide service to customers. "Bank of Granite's philosophy of helping neighbors is what attracted me here," said Melton. "I look forward to serving the bank and our customers."

A lifelong resident of Wilkesboro, Melton and husband, Barry, have two adult children, Tiffany Caudill and Brandon Melton. A member of Pleasant Home Baptist Church, Melton is actively involved in the Ladies Gideon Auxiliary, an organization responsible for the local and international distribution of bibles.

“Our office has been blessed with steady growth, especially since we moved into our new office two and a half years ago,” said Daye. “That growth has driven our need to add great bankers like Sandra and Barbara to continue the bank’s 101-year-old tradition of providing great customer service.”

Bank of Granite’s Wilkesboro office is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and until 6 p.m. Friday. The drive through opens daily at 8:30 a.m.

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