

Bank of Granite

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Bank of Granite Promotes Two and Names Two New Officers at Lenoir Locations

Bank of Granite has promoted Dana F. Watson and Tonya M. Snyder at its Lenoir/Hibriten office and added Bonita L. Silver and Kelly C. Melton at the downtown Lenoir office. Bank Vice President, Rahn Chase, announced the promotions and additions. "We are so pleased to recognize the dedication and superior customer service Dana and Tonya have consistently delivered to our customers. These promotions are well deserved. And we are equally pleased to add Bonita and Kelly to the Bank of Granite family. They both bring so much experience and talent to our bank," Chase stated.

Dana Watson joined the bank in 1986 and has been promoted to officer and sales and service manager after being the assistant to that position. She is a South Caldwell High School and CCC&TI graduate, as well as, having taken numerous lending and business classes. Watson is a member of Rotary Club of Lenoir, CCC&TI Annual Fund Drive Committee, Caldwell County Education Foundation Board of Directors, 2004 graduate of Leadership Caldwell and involved in the bank's partnership with Lower Creek Elementary School. She lives in Hudson with husband Brent and 13-year-old son Cameron.

Formerly the bank's teller supervisor, Tonya Snyder has been promoted to customer service manager. A graduate of South Caldwell High School, she joined Bank of Granite in 1996. She recently received an American Institute of Banking diploma. Snyder lives in Hudson with her husband Allen and their 9-year-old twins, son Dalton and daughter Whitley. She is involved with March of Dimes and a volunteer at Lower Creek Elementary through the bank's business partnership with the school.

After a brief retirement, Bonita Silver comes to Bank of Granite as consumer loan officer. She has 35 years of banking experience in Statesville, N.C., where she was a consumer lending specialist. She graduated from the former Scotts High School in Iredell County as valedictorian and then began an eight-year career in the furniture industry before entering the banking profession. Silver has been president of two Statesville

organizations: Credit Women and American Business Women. She lives in Granite Falls with her husband Thomas. They have six adult children, five sons and one daughter, as well as, four grandchildren.

Joining the bank as sales and service manager, Kelly Melton has 12 years of banking experience as a financial center manager and branch manager where she was consistently recognized for service excellence. She is a 1994 graduate of Appalachian State University with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in finance. As a business partner with Davenport Elementary, Melton is the bank's coordinator for the school. She lives in Lenoir with husband Rick and their children, 5-year-old son Thomas and 2-year-old daughter Jennie. They attend Mulvale Baptist Church where Melton is a Sunday school and vacation bible school teacher.

Bank of Granite Corporation is the parent company of Bank of Granite and Granite Mortgage, Inc. The bank operates 21 full service banking offices in Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Forsyth, Mecklenburg, Watauga and Wilkes Counties. Granite Mortgage, headquartered in Winston-Salem, originates home mortgages in these areas, as well as, in Hilton Head, S.C.

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