

# Bank of Granite

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## **Bank of Granite celebrates Boone office grand opening with ribbon cutting and Chamber After Hours event**

Bank of Granite celebrated the grand opening of its newest office with a ribbon cutting ceremony in Boone on Thursday, April 27, attended by dignitaries, customers, family, and friends. "We're so proud to be in Boone and of the leadership at this office of Bennie Anderson and Joy Coffey," stated Charles M. Snipes, the bank's chairman and chief executive officer. "The community has been so welcoming and we already have so many loyal customers here. We look forward to providing them with the superior service which has brought Bank of Granite to its 100<sup>th</sup> year," he said.

The event began with opening comments by Bank of Granite Boone office vice presidents Anderson and Coffey during which special guests, employees, and officers were recognized. In addition to them, and Snipes, other speakers included Dan Meyer, president, Boone Chamber of Commerce; the honorable Loretta Clawson, mayor, Town of Boone; Scott Anderson, chief operating officer, Bank of Granite; Dr. Ken Peacock, chancellor, Appalachian State University; and Dr. Earl Davis, interim pastor, Oak Grove Baptist Church. Refreshments were served immediately after the ribbon cutting that concluded the ceremony.

The festivities continued later in the day with the bank hosting Business After Hours. The event was in collaboration with the Boone Chamber of Commerce at which more than 125 attended.

Bank of Granite opened a loan office in Boone with Anderson and Coffey in April of 2003. In August of that year, a full-service bank office was opened in what is now their former location in the Greenway Business Park on Greenway Drive. The new office is at 230 Wilson Drive, located behind Boone Mall. Office hours are Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The office is open until 6:00 p.m. on Friday. Drive through service is available each morning beginning at 8:30.

"We've come a long way since 2003," said Anderson. "Joy and I are so proud of our new office and most of all, our wonderful staff." Added Coffey, "We're thankful to our customers, especially those who have banked with us at our former, more humble location. With our great new facility, ATM, and drive through lanes, we can now truly serve them even better."

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 Fayetteville, Greensboro, and Salisbury N.C. The company's stock is traded on NASDAQ under the GRAN symbol.

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Ribbon cutting at Bank of Granite's new Boone office.