

# Bank of Granite

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## **Bank of Granite Names Two New Officers in Morganton**

Morganton, N.C. — Bank of Granite welcomes two new officers, Earl B. Searcy, III, and David L. Deal, at its Morganton office. Bank Chairman and CEO, Charles M. Snipes made the announcement. “We are pleased to have two such fine bankers join our Bank of Granite family,” said Snipes. “Earl and David bring with them many years of banking experience. They know Burke County and its people and will be a great asset to our customers.”

Senior Vice President Searcy joins Bank of Granite as Burke County Market Executive. He has more than 28 years of banking experience in North Carolina. A native of Valdese and graduate of Valdese High School, Searcy earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill and a Master of Business Administration from East Carolina University in Greenville, N.C.

Searcy is a board member for Options, which provides assistance for victims of domestic violence. He is also involved with the Morganton First Baptist Church, Rotary Club of Morganton, and is a volunteer with United Way. He and his wife, Susan, live in Morganton. They have one son, Jason, who is a recent graduate of University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Assistant Vice President Deal joins Bank of Granite as community banker and loan officer with more than 34 years of banking experience in North Carolina. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Averett College in Danville, Va.

Deal has leadership positions with Burke United Christian Ministries and Historic Burke Foundation. He is active with the Burke County Chamber of Commerce, Morganton First Baptist Church, Burke County United Way, and Habitat for Humanity. He and his wife, Angela, have lived in Morganton since 1978. They have two grown children; Aaron, of Charleston, S.C. is a graduate of Johnson and Wales University, and Melissa, of

Greensboro, N.C. is a graduate of University of North Carolina Greensboro School of Nursing.

Bank of Granite and Granite Mortgage are subsidiaries of Bank of Granite Corporation whose stock is traded on NASDAQ under the GRAN symbol. 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 counties as well as in Fayetteville, Greensboro, and Salisbury, N.C.

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