

Bank of Granite

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Bank of Granite celebrates Davis' 34 years of service

Bank of Granite celebrated Ben L. Davis' nearly 34 years of service with a retirement reception held at the bank's Hudson office on January 29. "Ben's leadership and dedication to the bank, our employees, and especially our customers, has been outstanding," said Charles M. Snipes, chairman and CEO of Bank of Granite. "He will be missed, but all of us wish him the very best in this new phase of his life."

Davis, senior vice president, began his Bank of Granite career at the Lenoir office in 1973. He has worked in the Hudson office and managed the Whitnel and Lenoir offices. Since 1993, Davis has been providing leadership in consumer loan administration, compliance, collections, recoveries, and bankruptcy management.

A North Carolina native, Davis is a graduate of Southmont High School in Southmont, N.C. Over the years, he has attended Caldwell Community College, North Carolina School of Banking, and numerous banking workshops and seminars.

"It's with mixed emotions that I leave the bank that's been my home for so many years," said Davis. "I'm looking forward to spending time with my wife, children, and grandchildren, and my dogs, of course." Davis breeds and trains United Kennel Club Registered Redbone Coonhounds and owns Foothills Redbone Kennel.

In addition to his coonhound hobby, Davis is very active in the community. His involvement includes membership and past president of the Hudson Optimist

Club, past member of Lenoir and Granite Falls Rotary Clubs, and the Caldwell County Chamber; serving on numerous committees, many as chair. He was on the board of directors of Caldwell Residential Services, Inc. until it was sold in 2000. Caldwell Residential Services even named a group home in his honor, Ben's House. Davis is currently serving as assistant treasurer at First Baptist Church of Hudson.

Davis and his wife, Sondra, live in Hudson. They have two children, Michelle Honsaker, 39, of Long View and Mark Davis, 36, of Lenoir; one granddaughter, Taylor Honsaker, 14; and one grandson, Matthew Honsaker, 12.

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