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Blue Ridge Bank Opens New Branch in Pickens, SC

(WALHALLA, S.C.) – **November 19, 2024** – Blue Ridge Bank is pleased to announce the grand opening of its new branch located at 628 Ann Street in Pickens. This office will operate from a temporary building while the construction is underway of a 3,239 square foot bank branch on the same lot. This branch office follows the successful opening of its loan office in Pickens in 2022.

Blue Ridge Bank is headquartered in Walhalla, SC and has proudly served our local communities since 1957. Blue Ridge Bank now serves Oconee and Pickens County with six convenient branch locations in Walhalla, Seneca, Westminster, Easley, and Pickens. Blue Ridge Bank has a five-star security rating by Bauer Financial.

Blue Ridge Bank is excited to have the following staff members in Pickens:

Bart Turner is the Senior Vice President and Pickens Market Executive. Bart is a lifelong Pickens resident and will focus on both commercial and residential lending. He has been with Blue Ridge Bank since 2022 and has over 32 years of community banking experience.

Tracy Batson is the Vice President, Branch Manager, and Loan Officer. Tracy lives in Pickens and has 24 years of banking experience, including the past 14 years in Pickens.

Lisa Faneytte is the Customer Service Representative/Teller. Lisa has 16 years banking experience.

Jessica Anderson is the Vault Teller. Jessica has 14 years of banking experience in Pickens.

Jean Venesky is the Administrative Assistant and has over 35 years of community banking experience. Jean has been with Blue Ridge Bank since 2022.

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Blue Ridge Bank was chartered in the state of South Carolina on June 15, 1957. Today the bank is consistently recognized by all major bank-rating agencies as one of the strongest banks in America. Since its first day of business the bank's primary purpose has been to provide the community the best in community banking services. Member FDIC. Equal Housing Lender.

