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PRESS RELEASE

BUCKEYE STATE BANK RECOGNIZED AS MEMBER OF COLUMBUS FAST50

POWELL-HEADQUARTERED BANK RECOGNIZED FOR SECOND CONSECUTIVE YEAR

Powell, Ohio, October 18, 2023 – **Locally- and employee-owned** Buckeye State Bank is proud to be recognized by Columbus Business First as one of the 50 fastest growing companies in the Central Ohio market for the second year in a row.

Each year, the Fast 50 list highlights the top 50 fastest-growing private companies around Columbus, Ohio. Only for-profit, privately held companies averaging a specific threshold in revenue over the past 3 years are eligible. Nominated companies share their financial information directly with GBQ Partners, which calculates the Fast 50 based on the highest revenue growth rates.

“We are humbled to be ranked as #37 of Central Ohio’s fastest growing companies, while also maintaining a Bauer 5-Star rating for safety and soundness. This is the second year in a row that our team has achieved the Fast 50, and we are proud to be the only bank recognized on the list. This accomplishment is a testament to our team, our communities, and the clients we are grateful to serve,” said President and CEO Shawn Keller.

About Buckeye State Bank (@BuckeyeStateBank)

Headquartered in Powell, Ohio, Buckeye State Bank, a wholly owned subsidiary of Buckeye State Bancshares, Inc. (“BSBi”), is a locally owned and operated community bank with approximately \$418 million in assets as of September 30, 2023. Buckeye has been one of the fastest growing banks in the country since its formation January 3, 2014 through the purchase of Citizens Bank of DeGraff, which was founded and chartered in 1885. Buckeye State Bank serves the consumer and business banking needs for the communities of Logan, Franklin, Delaware, Wood, Union, Lucas and Ross counties. BSBi is proudly employee-owned. To learn more, visit www.joinbsb.com.

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