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PRESS RELEASE

BUCKEYE STATE BANK RANKS TOP 25 OF COLUMBUS FAST50

POWELL-HEADQUARTERED BANK RECOGNIZED FOR THIRD CONSECUTIVE YEAR

Powell, Ohio, October 18, 2024 –Buckeye State Bank is proud to announce that it has been recognized as one of the **Top 25 Fastest Growing Companies in Columbus**, ranking #25 on *Columbus Business First's* Fast 50 list for 2024. This is the third consecutive year Buckeye has been included.

Making it into the Top 25 is a significant achievement, placing Buckeye State Bank among the most dynamic and fastest growing businesses in the region. The Fast 50 honors companies in Central Ohio that have shown remarkable revenue growth over the past three years.

“This milestone is a powerful testament to the hard work of our team, the loyalty of our members, and the strength of our commitment to banking local, said Shawn Keller, President and CEO. “We’re incredibly proud to be ranked among the Top 25 fastest growing companies in Columbus, and thankful to those who made it possible.”

As one of the only banks to make the Fast 50, Buckeye State Bank stands out not only for its financial achievements but also for its role as a locally- and employee-owned business.

“Reaching the Top 25 is a true honor, and it pushes us to continue delivering the exceptional banking experience our members deserve,” Keller added. “Our success is built on the trust and support of our members, who recognize the value of banking local. We’re excited to keep growing together.”

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 \$473 million in assets as of September 30, 2024. 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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