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PRESS RELEASE

Buckeye State Bank Climbs to #13 on 2025 Columbus Business First Fast 50 List

Powell, Ohio —October 24, 2025 — Buckeye State Bank (“Buckeye”) is proud to announce that it has been ranked No. 13 on the 2025 *Columbus Business First Fast 50* list, recognizing the fastest-growing privately held companies in Central Ohio. This marks the fourth consecutive year Buckeye has earned a place on the prestigious list.

“We’re incredibly honored to once again be recognized among Central Ohio’s fastest-growing companies,” said Shawn Keller, President & CEO of Buckeye State Bank. “Earning a spot on the Fast 50 list for the fourth straight year is a direct reflection of the dedication of our team, the loyalty of our members, and our ongoing commitment to community banking.”

The *Fast 50* list highlights organizations that have demonstrated exceptional growth and leadership over the past three years. Buckeye’s consistent presence on the list showcases its continued success in combining local decision-making with modern banking solutions that meet the evolving needs of individuals, families and businesses across Ohio.

“As a community bank, our growth is rooted right here at home,” Keller added. “We service the deposits of our neighbors and reinvest them back into the community—helping our local residents buy homes and cars, while also helping the local business owners expand their businesses. That’s what makes this recognition so meaningful.”

This latest honor follows a year of strong performance and expansion for Buckeye, which continues to invest in technology, talent, and community partnerships to support sustainable growth while staying true to its local values.

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 \$501 million in assets as of June 30, 2025. 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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