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### Buckeye State Bank Celebrates Small Businesses

**Powell, Ohio:** Buckeye State Bank(BSB) hosted celebrations in Powell and Perrysburg to recognize participants of the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP). When stay-at-home orders forced millions of small businesses to curtail or close their operations, community banks like Buckeye stepped in to lend support.

Buckeye State Bank was able to process 531 loans, protecting over 13,000 jobs in our communities. BSB CEO Shawn Keller stated, "PPP was a perfect opportunity for us to demonstrate the true purpose and benefit of local community banking by providing needed funding to our business clients to support their businesses and their employees. We are very grateful to have had the opportunity to work with so many wonderful individuals during such extraordinary times."

Even before the PPP launched, Buckeye was working with their small and mid-sized businesses on options for modifications of loan terms and adjustments to the rate and term to create lower payments. "As a community bank, we are a small business too, so we understand many of the same challenges and our team is committed to working hard to contribute to our local economy by supporting our neighbors and local businesses."

Headquartered in Powell, Ohio in Delaware County, Buckeye State Bank ("Buckeye") is an employee-owned community bank dedicated to providing local service with easy-to-use products and services. Buckeye State Bank has been one of the fastest growing banks in the country over the last 7 years since its formation through the purchase of Citizens Bank of DeGraff, which was founded and chartered in 1885. Buckeye serves the consumer and small and mid-size business banking needs for the communities of Logan, Franklin, Delaware, Wood, Union and Lucas counties. To learn more, visit [www.joinbsb.com](http://www.joinbsb.com)

