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DIANA YOUNG JOINS PIEDMONT BANK AS BRANCH MANAGER IN MOORESVILLE

MOORESVILLE, NC, July 7, 2011— Piedmont Bank, a division of Yadkin Valley Bank and Trust Company, proudly announces the addition of Diana Young as their new Assistant Vice President and Branch Manager at the Plaza Drive office in Mooresville.

Young previously worked at Piedmont Bank from 1997-2008 in various positions including teller, loan officer assistant, and commercial lender. She also spent three years at People's Bank as a Business Development Officer prior to returning to Piedmont to accept the Plaza Drive position.

“We are excited to have Diana return to Piedmont Bank as our Branch Manager at Plaza Drive. She has extensive knowledge of our market and our customers in Mooresville,” said Doug Sutherland, Mooresville City Executive.

A native of Emporium, PA, Young is a graduate of Gannon University in Erie, PA with a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration. She currently lives in Statesville, NC.

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About the Yadkin Valley Financial Family

Yadkin Valley Financial Corporation is the holding company for Yadkin Valley Bank and Trust Company, a full-service community bank providing services in 37 branches throughout its three regions in North Carolina and South Carolina. The Western Region (formerly Yadkin Valley Bank division and High Country Bank division) serves Avery, Watauga, Ashe, Surry, Wilkes, and Yadkin Counties. The Central Region (formerly Piedmont Bank division and Cardinal State Bank division) serves Durham, Orange, Granville, Iredell and Mecklenburg Counties. The Southern Region (formerly American Community Bank division and the Huntersville and Cornelius branches of the Piedmont division) serves Mecklenburg and Union Counties in North Carolina, and Cherokee and York Counties in South Carolina. The Bank provides mortgage-lending services through its subsidiary, Sidus Financial, LLC, headquartered in Greenville, NC. Securities brokerage services are provided by Main Street Investment Services, Inc., a Bank subsidiary with four offices located in the branch network. Yadkin Valley Financial Corporation's website is www.yadkinvalleybank.com. Yadkin Valley shares are traded on NASDAQ under the symbol YAVY.

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