

Town bids farewell to Fannie Ford

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It has been said the joys of living in a small town are infinite.

For many members of this community, there is a very sweet lady at First Citizens bank who has made not only banking, but living and working in Blythewood an even more joyful experience.

This exuberant lady who greets customers by name is Fannie Ford.

Born and reared in Ridgeway, Fannie began her career in banking with the Bank of Fairfield in 1976. Having worked as a teller for many years, Fannie said she was worried she wouldn't know what



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to do when Bank of Fairfield president, Earl Woodruff, decided to move her into a customer service position.

“When I expressed my concerns to Mr. Woodruff, he said you either have to swim or sink,” Fannie said. “Guess I’ve been swimming ever since.”

More like a lifeguard than a swimmer, Fannie brought her skills to the Bank of Ridgeway in 1996. Transcending mergers with Community Resource Bank and First Citizens, she has been the person that could fix just about anything for those banking in Blythewood ever since.

Sadly, for all the local customers that have come to love and rely on Fannie, soon she will be relocating to the First Citizens branch near her home in Ridgeway.

Luckily for all of us, Ridgeway isn't that far away, and everyone is invited to stop by the bank and wish Fannie well during Fannie Ford Customer Appreciation Day next Friday, April 4.

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