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MARY JANE GARROTT JOINS FIRST STATE BANK

GALLATIN, Tenn. – Mary Jane Garrott has joined the First State team as a teller. Garrott is located at 1135 Nashville Pike in Gallatin. First State offers banking and lending services through this office. As a member of First State, she will be responsible for serving customers with a full line of financial services.

Garrott is a graduate of Gallatin High School and Union University. She has worked as an assistant at Garrott Brothers Continuous Mix, cashier at Simply Sumner Gift Shoppe and lifeguard at Jackson County Club and Union University Aquatic Center. Garrott is a member of First Presbyterian Church, where she serves as a Youth Leader, and resides in Gallatin.

“We are very excited to have Mary Jane join our team,” said Julia Hatley, branch manager for First State Bank in Gallatin. “Her excellent communication skills and high work ethic are great assets to First State and our customers.”

“The unique quality about this company is that when you walk in the door, everyone knows your name,” said Garrott. “I am a hometown, local girl and I think that is an important aspect to any business. I am very excited to join this great team here in Gallatin and look forward to serving this community that I love.”

First State Bank has 31 full-service banking locations in 25 communities throughout West, Middle and East Tennessee. It is owned by Community First Bancshares, a holding company headquartered in Union City, Tenn., which also operates a mortgage company, an insurance company, a specialized ag services division, investment services, a small business lending division, a consumer finance company, an

employee benefits division, a specialized trust services division, and an indirect auto financing division at various locations across the state.

The banking company has assets totaling over \$1.7 billion. The banking company has offices in the communities of Blount, Davidson, Dyer, Gibson, Haywood, Henderson, Knox, Madison, Obion, Robertson, Shelby, Sumner, Tipton, Weakley, and Williamson counties in Tennessee. Its metropolitan markets include Collierville, Franklin, Gallatin, Goodlettsville, Hendersonville, Jackson, Knoxville, Nashville, White House, and Memphis.

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