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FIRST STATE BANK WELCOMES BILL RITTENBERRY

GALLATIN, Tenn. – First State Bank welcomes a new commercial lender, Bill Rittenberry, to their team. Rittenberry is located at 1135 Nashville Pike in Gallatin. First State offers banking and lending services through this office. As a member of First State, he will be responsible for developing and servicing commercial client relationships with a full line of financial services.

Rittenberry is a graduate of Western Kentucky University, where he earned his Bachelor of Business Administration, and The Southeastern School of Advanced Commercial Lending. Rittenberry comes to First State with more than thirteen years of experience in the banking industry. He has worked as a commercial lender with Bank of America and First Tennessee Bank. Rittenberry is a lifelong Sumner County resident and currently resides in Gallatin with his wife, Susie, and two children.

“Bill has been a long-time, established commercial lender in the Sumner County market and we are extremely happy to have him on our team,” said Mark Winfree, commercial banking president for First State Bank. He has extensive experience in the commercial lending and brings a wealth of knowledge to our Sumner County team. His outstanding customer service skills and commitment to his community are great assets to our team and we are very happy to welcome Bill.”

“I am very excited to work for a community bank with local banking veterans that are committed to their community and customers,” said Rittenberry. “I knew First State was home for me early into the interview process because of their willingness to work as

a team, customer focused attitude, and ability to make decisions locally. I look forward to serving this great community that I call home.”

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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