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KENTON WELCOMES NEW COMMUNITY BANK BOARD MEMBER

KENTON, TN – First State Bank of Kenton welcomes a new member to their community bank board. The current First State community bank board members are Robert Rob Holloman, Bill Sanderson, Candace McCraig, Doug Davis, and Will Wade as chairman. Joining the board is Lee Asbridge.

Asbridge has been farming since 1974. He is a member of the Gibson Farmers Co-Op Board, Rutherford School Advisory Board, and is a Gibson County Road Commissioner. He is married to Patti Asbridge and has two children, Laura Halbrook and Leena Asbridge.

The group of community leaders and business leaders will assist the bank with being aware of issues that not only affect First State, but the community of Kenton, as well.

“The Kenton community bank board will be a true asset to the bank in Kenton and the entire First State organization,” said John C. Clark, president and CEO of First State. “These friends will be the eyes and ears of First State in the Kenton community. We will depend on them to advise us about pertinent issues that will benefit the area.”

“I am excited for this opportunity with First State Bank,” says Asbridge. “First State Bank is a great company that believes in providing excellent customer service and has a hometown feel. I have been banking with them for 45 years and would not go anywhere else!”

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 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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