

## NEWS RELEASE

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### FIRST STATE ANNOUNCES THE PROMOTION OF PAIGE MELTON

UNION CITY, Tenn. – Paige Melton has been named wire operations supervisor. She began her career with First State in May 2007 as a teller with First State Bank in Greenfield, Tennessee. She transferred to the deposit operations department in 2008 at First State’s corporate headquarters in Union City, Tennessee. She is responsible for creating, verifying, and submitting wire transfers, while investigating and researching possible fraudulent activity and customer disputes.

Melton is a graduate of Greenfield High School and attended the University of Tennessee at Martin and Middle Tennessee State University. She has 14 years of experience in customer service and over 8 years of experience in financial services. Melton resides in Martin, Tennessee with her husband and two children.

“Paige has proven to be an asset for First State Bank wire services operations. She strives to provide exceptional customer service in the wire operations,” says senior operations officer, Debra Wiley. “She has demonstrated the ability to be a leader in her specific responsibilities.”

“I am truly honored to receive this promotion. The number of wire transfers has significantly increased in our company over the last few years. I enjoy being immersed in the ever evolving wire transfer process and working closely with our team to ensure wire transfers are safely and accurately submitted for our customers,” says Melton. “I am privileged to work for such a wonderful company that is always trying to exceed expectations.”

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, an indirect auto financing division, and a small business lending division at various locations across the state.

The banking company has assets totaling over \$1.9 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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