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FIRST STATE ANNOUNCES THE PROMOTION OF JULIA HATLEY

GALLATIN, Tenn. – Julia Hatley has been named city president for First State Bank. She has been employed with First State for 10 years. She is located at 1135 Nashville Pike, Gallatin, Tennessee. First State offers both consumer and commercial banking services through this office. As a member of First State, she is responsible for managing the Gallatin office and generating and servicing loans and deposit products for all consumer and business customers.

Hatley is a graduate of East Nashville High School. She has 39 years of banking experience. She began her career in 1973 as a teller for First American National Bank. Hatley went on to work in deposit operations for 11 years and then moved to retail banking. She began working for First Independent Bank in 1991 as a consumer/commercial lender. In 2004, she started working for First State as a commercial lender and branch manager. She is a member of the Gallatin Chamber of Commerce and is active in community events.

“Julia is a long time Sumner County banker who has excelled both as a leader and, most recently, as a branch manager. She is very goal oriented and strives to exceed expectations in everything she does,” said Ken Anderson, regional bank president for First State Bank in Middle Tennessee. “Her customers know they can count on her to provide exceptional service, and she continually seeks ways to introduce new customer to the bank as well. As a Gallatin resident, she takes great pride in partnering with community leaders to support and promote activities that benefit the community as a whole.”

“I am very excited for my new role with First State. It is very rewarding to be recognized as a productive leader not only in the bank but in the community,” says Hatley. “First State is a community bank that cares about their customers and their banking needs. I am proud to work for First State.”

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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