

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **LIBBY NEAL JOINS FIRST STATE BANK**

BROWNSVILLE, Tenn. – Libby Neal has joined the First State team as a customer service representative and teller. Neal is located at 25 S. Grand Avenue in Brownsville. First State offers banking, lending, and ag services through this office. As a member of First State, she will be responsible for servicing client relationships with a full line of financial services.

Neal is a graduate of Haywood High School and received his associate degree in general studies from Jackson State Community College. She just recently completed an accelerated program through Bethel University where she received her Bachelors' degree in business with a focus on organizational leadership. She has been employed with First South Bank as a teller and Wells Fargo Financial as a loan document specialist. Neal is a member of First United Methodist Church in Brownsville where she served on the Gymnasium Building Committee and helps with activities such as annual Fall Carnival.

“Libby comes to First State Bank with experience in the banking industry, a teller background, and excellent customer service standards,” said Lisa Carlton, city president for First State Bank in Brownsville. “She is extremely personable and a native of Haywood County. She will be an asset to the bank and our community.”

“I am extremely excited about my new position with First State and the chance to continue to work in a community that I care about,” said Neal. “First State is an organization that holds community values and at the same time offers its customers top products and service.”

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 \$1.8 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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