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### **FIRST STATE ANNOUNCES THE PROMOTION OF LISA BELLAR**

WHITE HOUSE, Tenn. – Lisa Bellar has been named city president for First State Bank. She has been employed with First State for 7 years. She is located at 117 Raymond Hirsch, White House, 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 White House banking office and generating and servicing loans and deposit products for all consumer and business customers.

Bellar is a graduate of East Robertson High School. She started her career in banking in 1997 with the Bank of Goodlettsville and has also worked for Summit Mortgage. She is a volunteer with White House Food Bank, Hope Center and Christmas for the Children in White House.

“Lisa has served as the branch manager of White House office for the past 7 years, and the branch has experienced consistent growth under her direction,” said Ken Anderson, regional bank president for First State Bank in Middle Tennessee. “She is customer focused and very much in tune with the White House community. Lisa and her staff are firmly committed to building relationships with both new and established customers. They are involved in a variety of community outreach activities and are very welcoming of everyone who walks through the door. ”

“I feel very fortunate to work for a great community bank. First State has a vested interest in the success of its employees, and I am honored to receive this promotion,” says Bellar. “First State Bank has so much to offer with excellent deposit products and very competitive loan rates.”

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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