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DANNY MORRIS JOINS FIRST STATE

BROWNSVILLE, Tenn. – Danny Morris has joined the First State team as an agriculture and commercial loan officer. Morris 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, he will be responsible for the growth of all agricultural and commercial credits for the Brownsville and Jackson braches, as well as bringing in new deposit account relationships.

Morris is a graduate of Bradford High School and received his bachelor’s degree in Agribusiness from the University of Tennessee at Martin. He most recently received his Master of Agribusiness. Throughout college, Morris was employed with Helena Chemical, Pioneer Seed and Agrigold Hybrids. He has worked for US Bank as an agricultural credit underwriter and was promoted to commercial and ag loan officer in Sikeston, MO. Morris is a member of the North Jackson Church of Christ in Jackson and a member of the Brownsville Rotary Club.

“Danny comes to First State Bank with experience in Ag lending. I am excited to have his enthusiasm and his experience added to our team,” said Lisa Carlton, city president for First State Bank in Brownsville. “He is looking forward to being involved with the Brownsville community and exceeding customer service standards with our customers.”

“I am extremely excited about my new position with First State and the opportunity to serve Haywood and Madison County with a wide range of competitive

products,” said Morris. “First State is an organization that holds community values and is always striving 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 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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