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**PHOTO:****Loan Assistant for Commercial Lending Group**

*HARRISON, Ark., August 2011* – Dabbs Cavin, President of First Federal Bank, is pleased to announce the promotion of **Tammy Dean** to Commercial Loan Assistant for the North Arkansas Region. She will work with the newly-formed Commercial Lending Group, which will create customized products and services geared toward commercial customers. Dean is joining Heather R. Nelson, the North Arkansas Regional President, and Kevin P. Couch, Senior Vice President / Commercial Lending Group. She started with the Bank in May 2005 in the Loan Operations department, and most recently served as a Loan Processor.

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