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VICE PRESIDENT RETIRES AFTER 28 YEARS OF SERVICE

Mountain Home, Ark., February 2009 – Jeff Brandt, Executive Vice President/Eastern Division of First Federal Bank, announces the retirement of **Sherry Milhon**, Vice President/New Accounts Representative II.

The public is invited to attend the reception in her honor, which will be held on Wednesday, February 25, 2009, 2-5pm, at the Mountain Home Main Office (668 Hwy. 62 E.). The reception will feature complimentary beverages and light refreshments.

“We are proud of Sherry’s years of service, another example of the stability and longevity of First Federal,” said Brandt. “We are honored to recognize her dedication to our core values of **INTEGRITY, COMMITMENT, EXCELLENCE, TEAMWORK, INNOVATION, and PROFESSIONALISM.**”

Milhon has been a First Federal Team Member since February 9, 1981. She started her career as a Teller, and has also served in New Accounts as Assistant Secretary and Assistant Vice President. She was honored as a 2007 ICE TIP Finalist, which recognizes Team Members who exhibit the Bank’s core values.

She and her husband, J.L., are residents of Henderson, Ark., and have been married for 45 years. They are members of the First Baptist Church of Henderson, where Milhon has served as Treasurer and Church Clerk for over 20 years. She has also served 17 years as Treasurer of the Norfolk Lake Fireworks Association; three years on the Financial Committee for the White River Baptist Association; and served as Chairperson of Operation Appreciation, which provided support during Desert Storm for the 224th National Guard.

The Milhons enjoy their daughter and son-in-law, Jinger and Michael Goodson, and their children Nina Vaag (17), Kjersti Vaag (12), and Brody Goodson (4); and their son and daughter-in-law, James and Pam Milhon, and their children Jacob Milhon (17), Emily Cowart (17), and Nate Cowart (16).

About First Federal Bank

First Federal is a community bank serving consumers and businesses in Northcentral and Northwest Arkansas with a full range of checking, savings, investment, and loan products and services. The Bank, founded in 1934, has \$795.2 million in assets as of December 31, 2008, and conducts business from 20 full-service branch locations, one stand-alone loan production office, and 31 ATMs. First Federal Bank is a wholly owned subsidiary of First Federal Bancshares of Arkansas, Inc., whose stock is traded on the NASDAQ Global Market under the symbol FFBH. For information on all the products and services we offer, visit us on the web at www.ffbh.com or contact our Account Information Center by phone toll free at 866-AIC-FFBH (870.365.8329 Harrison area) or by email at aic@ffbh.com.

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