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FIRST FEDERAL'S 25TH ANNUAL TURTLE RACES BREAKS RECORDS

Harrison, Ark., July 2007 – Turtle jockeys and their families came out in droves to **First Federal Bank's 25th Annual Turtle Races** on **Wednesday, July 4**, on the Square in downtown Harrison. A record total of 464 turtles belonging to children ages 12 and younger registered for the race.

A total of 41 heats were held, with the top three finishers in each heat advancing to the next round – 32 first round heats with 15 turtles in each one; six second round heats; two semi-final heats; and one final heat.

The winners were:

- **First Place:** Jeffrey Baughman (entrant 129) of Harrison and his turtle Shredder. This was Jeffrey's eighth race, and his first time as the top finisher.
- **Second Place:** Heather Thiel (entrant 201) of Harrison and her pet turtle Myrtle, who was adopted from Myrtle Beach, SC, six years ago. This was Heather and Myrtle's sixth race.
- **Third Place:** Jackson Taylor (entrant 65) of Web City, Mo., and his turtle Lightning McQueen.
- **Fourth Place:** Jake Canady (entrant 383) of Harrison and his turtle Rocky.

"This was such an exciting event, and we were thrilled with the response. Racers came from as far away as California," said Jeff Brandt, Executive Vice President/Eastern Division of First Federal Bank, who manages the race each year and ran the heats. "We had a great time with all the kids, families, and turtles."

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 \$834.8 million in assets and conducts business from 18 full-service branch locations, one stand-alone loan production office, and 29 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, visit us on the web at www.ffbh.com or contact our Account Information Center by phone at 870.365.8329 (toll free 866-AIC-FFBH) or by email at aic@ffbh.com.

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