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FIRST FEDERAL'S 26TH ANNUAL TURTLE RACES

Harrison, Ark., July 2008 – **First Federal Bank's 26th Annual Turtle Races** were held on **Friday, July 4**, on the Square in downtown Harrison. A total of 364 turtles belonging to children ages 12 and younger registered for the race. Registrants were from Harrison and surrounding cities, such as Western Grove, Green Forest, and Bergman; and from across the nation: Folsom, CA; Sparta, St. Louis, and Webb City, MO; Houston and Dallas, TX; Lawton, OK; and French Lick, IN.

A total of 36 heats were held, with the top three finishers in each heat advancing to the next round – 27 first-round heats with 15 turtles in each one; six second round heats; two semi-final heats; and one final heat.

The winners:

- First Place: Naciah Parse (entrant 329) of Jasper and his turtle Squirtel.
- Second Place: Braxton Smith (entrant 44) of Valley Springs and his turtle Bottle Rocket.
- Third Place: Briget Shull (entrant 274) of Houston, TX, and her turtle Ouchy Ouch.

The three winners received trophies and had their picture taken with Chester T. Chipmunk, the president of Chester's Investor Club, First Federal's savings account for children.

"We had a great turnout despite the rain," 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 fun 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 \$829.1 million in assets as of March 31, 2008, and conducts business from 19 full-service branch locations, one stand-alone loan production office, and 30 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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