

75**YEARS STRONG****FIRST
FEDERAL®****PRESS RELEASE: *For Immediate Release*****FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**Debbie S. George | 870.391.3427 | dgeorge@ffbh.com**FIRST FEDERAL HOSTED THE RED, WHITE & BLUE TURTLE RACES**

Mountain Home, Ark., June 2009 – Summer brings races of all kinds – including the First Federal Turtle Races! Children ages 12 and younger participated in the 5th Annual **Red, White & Blue First Federal Turtle Races** held on **Saturday, June 27 at 2pm** at Arkansas State University Mountain Home. Over 65 turtles registered for the race. Participants came from all over Arkansas, including two children who came from Apple Valley, Ca.

The winners:

- First Place: Dalton Welch of Mountain Home and Turtle #21.
- Second Place: Ericka Lamarr of Marshall and Turtle #58.
- Third Place: Myca Treat of Mountain Home and her turtle Sammie, #47.
- Fourth Place: Autumn Smith of Gassville and her turtle Riley, #39.

“We had a great time with all the turtles at the Red, White & Blue Festival, in spite of the record temperatures,” said Ashlee Colliver of First Federal Bank, who organized the event. “A big thank you to Scott Ramos with Mountain Talk Radio who did a play-by-play of all the turtle action. He was a great announcer!”

Visit the Web site www.ffbh.com/turtle.html for the history of the races and photos of past events.

Photo, l to r: Autumn Smith (fourth place); Myca Treat (third place); Ericka Lamarr (second place); and Dalton Welch (first place) with Chester T. Chipmunk, the President of Chester's Investor Club®.

About First Federal Bank

First Federal is a community bank serving consumers and businesses in Northwest Arkansas with a full range of checking, savings, investment, and loan products and services. The Bank, founded in 1934, has \$803.4 million in assets as of March 31, 2009, 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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