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FIRST FEDERAL'S 29TH ANNUAL TURTLE RACES WINNERS

Harrison, Ark., July 2011 – Summer brings races of all kinds – including Turtle Races! **First Federal Bank's 29th Annual Turtle Races** were held on **Monday, July 4**, on the Square in downtown Harrison. A total of 299 turtles belonging to children ages 12 and younger registered for the race.

Racers were from Harrison and cities all over Arkansas: Alpena, Bergman, Booneville, Conway, Deer, Dogpatch, Everton, Fayetteville, Huntsville, Jasper, Little Rock, Marble Falls, Omaha, Sheridan, Springdale, St. Joe, Valley Springs, Vendor, and Western Grove. Registrants also came from Alaska, California, Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas, and Washington – and Canada! – more than last year's visitors from just three other states.

The winners:

- First Place: Lila Jones of Harrison and her turtle Turtlie, #50.
- Second Place: Eliza Drewry of Valley Springs and her turtle Sparklie, #95.
- Third Place: Bryce Barrett of Harrison and his turtle Fatso, #144.

The 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 and had a fun time with all the kids, families, and turtles, despite the rain," said Sonya Edwards, VP/Marketing. "Last year, Eliza's brother Isaac won second place with his turtle. This truly is a Harrison tradition."

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

Photo FFB_011_TrtlRace_Winners_Hrs.jpg, l to r: Lila Jones (first place); Bryce Barrett (third place); and Eliza Drewry (second place) with Chester T. Chipmunk, the President of Chester's Investor Club®.

About First Federal Bank

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