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FIRST FEDERAL BANK ANNOUNCES TEAM MEMBER PROMOTION

Mountain Home, Ark., February 2008 – Jeff Brandt, Executive Vice President/Eastern Division of First Federal Bank, announces that **Linda Caststeel** at the Mountain Home Eastside Office has been promoted to Assistant Vice President / New Accounts Representative II.

“I am proud to recognize Linda’s hard work and excellent service,” said Brandt. “Her promotion was a direct result of her commitment to our customers and our core values of **INTEGRITY, COMMITMENT, EXCELLENCE, TEAMWORK, INNOVATION,** and **PROFESSIONALISM.**”

A First Federal Team Member since July 1998, Caststeel is responsible for the opening and maintenance of deposit accounts and providing quality customer service.

Caststeel has worked in banking for 27 years. She attended College of the Ozarks and Bruno High School, and is a certified tax preparer. She is a member of East Side Baptist Church, the Mountain Home Bombers and UCA Bear Booster Clubs, the Mountain Home Chamber of Commerce and Twin Lakes Home Builders Association. She served as president of the Ozark Mountain Bank Women from 2003-2004.

Caststeel and her husband of 37 years, James, enjoy their two children, Ryan, an attorney and master’s degree candidate at University of Central Arkansas in Conway, and Nicole, a special education teacher in Cabot. They also enjoy spending time with their granddaughters, Aleigha, (8) and Shayleigh (5).

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 \$792.0 million in assets as of December 31, 2007, and conducts business from 18 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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