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**FIRST FEDERAL TEAM MEMBER  
CELEBRATES 20 YEARS OF SERVICE**

*Mountain Home, Ark., April 2010* – Jeff Brandt, Executive Vice President/Eastern Division of First Federal Bank, is pleased to announce a milestone of 20 years for **Gay Lynne Parnell**, Vice President/Loan Officer at the Mountain Home Westside Office.

“We are proud of Gay Lynne’s years of service,” said Brandt. “She is dedicated to our customers and is a true asset to the Bank.”

Parnell started with First Federal in Mountain Home on April 23, 1990 as a Teller, and has also served as a Receptionist and Loan Processor. She currently assists customers with their lending needs and examines, evaluates, and approves loan applications.

She has received several awards for Top Loan Volume Production, and is a 2005 ICE TIP Award Recipient. The ICE TIP Awards were founded in 2003 to recognize outstanding First Federal Team Members who exhibit the Core Values in their banking relationships, whether with fellow Team Members, customers, or the community.

Parnell graduated from Mountain Home High School and has taken various banking classes. She is the daughter of Bucky and Phyllis Parrett, and enjoys her children Gloria Sproul, Vanessa Reed, and Jesse Parnell of Mountain Home, and Valerie Pitts of Thayer, MO. She attends First Baptist Church, and in her spare time, she loves to read, garden, and spend time with her twelve grandchildren.

**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 \$749.8 million in assets as of December 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](http://www.ffbh.com) or contact our Account Information Center by phone Toll Free at 1.866.242.3324 (1-866-AIC-FFBH) or 870.365.8329 in the Harrison Area.

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