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First United Bank Announces CFO and Officer Promotions

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David C. Blackburn has been promoted to Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of First United Bank (Lubbock) - David C. Blackburn has been promoted to Chief Financial Officer of First United Bank. Blackburn, who has been with First United Bank for 9 years, graduated from Texas Tech University with a degree in accounting, and he is a Certified Public Accountant. In addition to his financial reporting duties, he is responsible for strategic planning, budgeting and regulatory issues for the \$736 million financial institution. Blackburn also manages the institution's investment portfolio and chairs the institution's investment committee as well as the asset/liability management committee.

He is a graduate of the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce Leadership Lubbock Program, has served as a United Way Loaned Executive, and has been involved in fundraising activities for the March of Dimes and the Muscular Dystrophy Association of West Texas. Blackburn currently serves as President of the South Plains Chapter of the Texas Society of CPAs, and is a member of the Civic Organization of Lubbock, Inc.

Richard Jackson promoted to Senior Vice President of First United Bank (Dimmitt) - Richard Jackson has been promoted to Senior Vice President for First United Bank. Jackson is a loan officer and has been with First United Bank for eight (8) years. His responsibilities include managing a business and agricultural loan portfolio. Prior to joining First United Bank, Jackson served as an Accountant in the Agriculture Industry. Jackson has a B.A in Accounting from West Texas A&M University and a B.A in Business Administration from Texas Tech University. He is also a Multiengine & Instrument Rated Pilot. In addition, Jackson is an active community volunteer and leader. He currently serves as the Director of the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce, Chairman of the Finance Committee for the Methodist Church, President of the Dimmitt Development Corporation, and is an active member of the Kiwanis Club.

Stuart Sutton promoted to Vice President of First United Bank (Canyon) - Stuart Sutton has been promoted to Vice President for First United Bank. Sutton has been with First United Bank since February 2003 and has five (5) years of banking experience. He currently serves as a Loan Officer and is responsible for overseeing a business and agriculture loan portfolio. Sutton has a BBA from Texas Tech University and is an active community volunteer and leader. He currently serves as the Treasurer for the Canyon Chamber of Commerce, is a member of the Lion's Club and volunteers with the Canyon Mainstreet program. He is also an avid supporter and promoter of West Texas A&M University and was a 2007 Chamber Barbeque cook-off winner.

Bryce Hale promoted to Banking Officer of First United Bank (Amarillo) – Bryce Hale has been promoted to Banking Officer for First United Bank. Hale has been in the banking industry for ten (10) years and with First United Bank since October 2005. He currently offices at the bank's Amarillo Tradewind location and serves as the banking center's Branch Manger. His responsibilities include retail lending, managing the banking center, business development, and assisting with branch operations. Hale has a BBA in Business Management from West Texas A&M University and is an active member of the Rotary Club of Amarillo East.

Miranda Thomas promoted to Banking Officer of First United Bank (Seminole) – Miranda Thomas has been promoted to Banking Officer for First United Bank. Thomas has been with First United Bank for five (5) years and currently serves as a Lending Assistant. She is an active community volunteer and leader and has served on the Seminole Chamber Board and volunteered with the Gaines County Relay for Life, Gaines County Ag & Oil Days and the Gaines County Giving Tree.

Robin Gore promoted to Assistant Vice President of First United Bank (Sudan) – Robin Gore has been promoted to Assistant Vice President for First United Bank. Gore has been with First United Bank since November 2001 and has six (6) years of banking experience. She currently serves as a Lending Assistant and a New Accounts Representative. Her responsibilities include managing the loan production, customer service, opening new accounts and assisting with bank operations. Gore is active in the community and has served as a volunteer on the Fellowship Committee at First Baptist Church.

Lance Lovelady hired as Assistant Vice President of First United Bank (Seminole) – Lance Lovelady has been hired as Assistant Vice President for First United Bank. Lovelady joins the bank as a loan officer and will oversee a commercial and agricultural loan portfolio. He is a graduate of Texas Tech University where he earned his Bachelor of Business Administration. He has worked for several years in both the banking and mortgage/real estate industry. Prior to joining First United Bank, Lovelady worked at National Bank of Andrews in the loan department. Lovelady is an active community volunteer and currently is volunteering with the Junior Achievement program in the public school system and is a member of Independent Banker's Association of Texas (IBAT's) Leadership Division.

About First United Bank

First United Bank, a subsidiary of Plains Bancorp, Inc, is one of the oldest, fastest growing, and strongest chartered financial institutions doing business in the state of Texas, having been servicing the financial needs of West Texans for over 100 years. First United Bank has total assets of approximately \$736 million and operates thirteen (13) Banking Center offices in Amarillo, Canyon, Dimmitt, Earth, Lamesa, Littlefield, Lubbock, Seagraves, Seminole and Sudan, Texas. First United Bank has been servicing the financial needs of West Texans since 1907.

Made up of dedicated, community-oriented people, First United Bank is committed to providing it's customers with the best products and services to help them reach their financial goals. Visit us online at www.FirstUnited.Net.



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