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First United Bank Announces Officer Promotions

(LUBBOCK, TEXAS) – Plains Bancorp, Inc., holding company for First United Bank, is pleased to announce the following promotions:

Jodi Smith has been promoted to senior vice president for First United Bank. Smith, who manages the Bank's loan operations center, has 20 years of experience in the financial industry and has been with the Bank for 14 years. She is a 2002 graduate of Texas Tech University with a Bachelor's of Science in Agricultural and Applied Economics.

Gianni Amato has been promoted to senior vice president for First United Bank. Amato manages the Bank's Tradewind Banking Center located at 34th and Osage Ave. in Amarillo, Texas. Amato has 16 years of experience in the financial industry, and has been with the Bank since 2013. He is a graduate of Colorado State University with a Bachelor's of Business Administration in Management.

Amy Punchard has been promoted to vice president for First United Bank. Punchard, who serves as the Bank's Director of Marketing, has five years of experience in the financial industry and 13 years of experience in marketing. She is a 2004 graduate of Texas Tech University with a Bachelor's of Communications in Public Relations.

Cindy Elliot has been promoted to vice president for First United Bank. Elliot is the operations manager for the Bank's Seminole Banking Center. Elliot has 31 years of experience in the financial industry, and has been with the Bank since 1997.

ABOUT FIRST UNITED BANK & PLAINS BANCORP, INC.

First United Bank, a subsidiary of Plains Bancorp, Inc., reports total assets of more than \$1.2 billion and currently operates 15 banking center offices in 11 West Texas markets; Amarillo, Canyon, Dimmitt, Earth, Lamesa, Littlefield, Lubbock, Seagraves, Seminole, Sudan, and Wichita Falls, Texas. First United Bank currently has more than 250 dedicated, community-oriented employees. Visit us online at www.FirstUnited.net.

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