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First Northern Bank Celebrates 100 Years in Business
Making it one of the Oldest Independent Community Banks in the Region

Dixon, California – First Northern Bank (FNRN.OB) will mark its 100th year in business on February 1. Festivities are planned throughout 2010, as First Northern celebrates its history as one of the Sacramento region’s oldest, most trusted community banks.

Back in 1910, a group of local Dixon businesspeople believed they weren’t getting the kind of banking services they needed, so in the do-it-yourself tradition of an independent farming community, they voted on January 20 to open their own bank – an “enterprise with all local capital and no outside investment or affiliations.”

Following a trip to San Francisco to purchase a safe and other supplies, their new bank opened for business a few days later on February 1, 1910, in a former ice cream parlor. After one month in business, the Bank had 93 accounts with deposits totaling more than \$75,000, and today deposits have grown to more than \$650 million. Even though 100 years have passed, descendants of the Bank’s founders are still shareholders and customers.

While other banks have come and gone over the years, First Northern Bank remains steadfast in its commitment to remaining strong and independent in order to set its own course and make decisions at the local level. As a result, the Bank can respond – quickly – to customers’ needs and to changing business conditions.

“In our 100-year history, we have successfully navigated all 12 of our nation’s documented economic recessions, as well as The Great Depression,” says Owen J. “John” Onsum, President and CEO. “We believe it’s our experience that differentiates First Northern Bank from so many other banks, credit unions and brokerage houses.”

Centennial Celebrations Begin February 1st

First Northern Bank, proud of its independent spirit and heritage of service to the community, is serving the community something edible – cake! From February 1-5, First Northern will be serving birthday cake and sparkling cider in each branch. The public is invited to stop in and share in the celebration. A beautiful four-color anniversary commemorative poster will also be available as a give-away item.

Community Support Continues All Year Long

Over the past 10 years, First Northern Bank has contributed more than \$1 million to the communities it serves, in the form of direct financial support and in-kind services. In 2010, First Northern is selling commemorative cookbooks to help feed families in need.

100 Years and Still Cooking!, a collection of 100 favorite family recipes from First Northern Bank employees, directors and shareholders, will be available for sale in each of the Bank's branch locations by mid-February. All of the proceeds from the \$10 cookbook will benefit Yolo, Solano, Placer and Sacramento County food banks.

But that's not all. Later this year, each First Northern Bank employee will receive a \$100 voucher, to be donated to a local charity of his/her choice. It's just one more way First Northern is giving back to the communities it serves, a major hallmark that has remained at the core of the Bank's success for 100 years.

About First Northern Bank

First Northern Bank, an independent community bank headquartered in Solano County since 1910, serves Solano, Yolo, Sacramento, Placer and the west slope of El Dorado County. First Northern has 11 branches located in Dixon, Davis, West Sacramento, Fairfield, Vacaville (2), Winters, Woodland, Downtown Sacramento, Roseville, and Auburn, and has an SBA Loan Office and full service Trust Department in Sacramento. First Northern Bank also offers 24/7 real estate mortgage loans and non-FDIC insured Investment and Brokerage Services at each branch location. Real Estate Loan offices are located in Davis, Roseville and Folsom, and real estate loan representatives are available to meet customers at any of the Bank's branches by appointment. The Bank can be found on the Web at www.thatsmybank.com.

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