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Form 8-K
August 08, 2005

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported):
August 8, 2005

THE FIRST BANCSHARES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

MISSISSIPPI

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation)

33-94288

(Commission
File Number)

64-08621

(IRS empl
Identific

6480 US Highway 98 West
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

(Address of principal executive offices)

39402

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (601) 268-8998

Not applicable

(Registrant's former address of principal executive offices)

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE REPORT

Item 8.01 Other Events. On August 8, 2005 officers of The First Bancshares, Inc. announced by web-posting that M. Ray "Hoppy" Cole, President of the Picayune Office and Regional Manager of named President of The First Bancshares, Inc.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits.

99.1 Website posting issued by First Bancshares

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dated August 8, 2005 announcing M. Ray "Hoppy" Cole, President of the Picayune Office and Regional Manager of the Gulf Coast Division has been named President of The First Bancshares, Inc.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: August 8, 2005

THE FIRST BANCSHARES, INC.

By: /s/ David E. Johnson

Name: David E. Johnson

Title: President, CEO &
Chairman of the Board

Exhibit 99.1 to First Bancshares, Inc., Form 8-K

For Immediate Release

August 8, 2005

M. Ray "Hoppy" Cole, President of the Picayune Office and Regional Manager of the Gulf Coast Division, has been named President of The First Bancshares, Inc.

Cole joined The First as President of the Picayune office in September of 2002, and has been a director of The First Bancshares, Inc. and The First National Bank of Pine Belt since 1998. A native of Pascagoula, Mississippi, Cole holds both a Bachelors and a Masters degree in Business Administration from The University of Mississippi. Cole has more than a decade of banking experience.

"Hoppy's vision for the company and insights regarding customers make him a key to our organization's success. David Johnson, CEO-The First Bancshares, Incorporated. Cole will keep his office in Picayune where he and his wife, Cindy-Picayune City Clerk, are the proud parents of four sons. Cole and his wife are members of Roseland Park Baptist Church.