## WHITE RUTH A Form 5 February 13, 2003

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, DC 20549

FORM 5

### ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

	Section 17(a) of th	tion 16(a) of the Securitine Public Utility Holding (h) of the Investment Comp	Company Act of 19	•				
1_1	Check box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).							
_	_  Form 3 Holdings Reported							
1_1	Form 4 Transactions F	Reported						
1.	Name and Address of F	Reporting Person*						
Whit	e	Ruth	Α.					
(	Last)	(First)	(Middle)					
		PO Box 989						
		(Street)						
Blue	field	VA	24605					
(	City)	(State)	(Zip)					
2.	Issuer Name and Ticke	er or Trading Symbol						
	First	Community Bancshares, Inc	. (FCBC)					
3.	I.R.S. Identification	n Number of Reporting Pers	on, if an entity	(Voluntary)				
4.	Statement for Month/N	/ear						
		December 2002						
5.	If Amendment, Date of	Original (Month/Year)						
6.	Relationship of Report (Check all applicable	rting Person(s) to Issuer						
	_  Director  _  Officer (give ti	_   -tle below)  X	10% Owner Other (specify b	elow)				

Administrative Assitant To Chief Executive officer

7. Individual or Joint/0 (check applicable lin							
X  Form filed by Or							
Table I Non-				ed of,			
	2. Trans-	2A. Deemed Execution	3. Transaction Code	4. Securities Acquire Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)		Date, if any (mm/dd/yy)		Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	
COMMON STOCK							

<sup>\*</sup> If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see instruction  $4\,\mathrm{(b)}\,\mathrm{(v)}$  .

FORM 5 (continued)

Table II -- Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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	2. Conversion or Exercise Price		3A. Deemed 3. Execut-	Trans-	-	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
1. Title of	of Trans Deriv- action ative Date Secur- (mm/o	Trans-	ion Date if any / (mm/dd/	Code (Instr. 8)	of(D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)			Amount or
Security		(mm/dd/				LACI	tion		Number of
(Instr. 3)	ity 	уу)	уу)		(A) (D)	cisable 	Date 	Title 	Shares 
OPTION TO		01/01/02		J(1)	A	(2)	(2)	COMMON STOCK \$1.00 PV	3095.84
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#### Explanation of Responses:

- (1) Acquisition of a called derivative security granted by corporation under the First Community Bancshares, Inc. 199 Stock Option Adopted 12/14/99.
- (2) Option is exercisable for a period of 5 years after retirement (provided retirement occurs at or after age 62), disability or death. If employment is terminated other than by retirement at or after age 62, disability or death, vested options must be exercised within 90 days after the effective date of termination. Any option not exercised within such period shall be

deemed cancelled.

/s/ Robert L. Schumacher (Her Attorney-in-fact)
Ruth A. White 02/12/2003

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

 $\ensuremath{^{\star\star}}$  Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.

See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space provided is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.