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NEW BENCHMARK BRANCH TO OPEN IN KENBRIDGE

(October 7, 2016, Kenbridge, VA) – Benchmark Community Bank will officially open the doors to the new Kenbridge branch on October 17. Located on 204 S. Broad St., the building, which has been used as a bank facility since the Sixties, has undergone a complete renovation. The branch is designed to enhance each customer’s banking experience, provide a more efficient workflow, and match the look and feel of the other newer Benchmark branches in Southside Virginia.

Exterior improvements include a stone facade entrance, an expanded on-site parking area, two drive-through lanes, and in-vehicle ATM access. The modern interior features a curved teller counter, open-style customer service offices, a YES Club center for children, digital signage, and a prominent community board. Wall art will include historic photographs and mural of the Kenbridge area.

Benchmark CEO Mike Walker stated that, “We are excited to offer a new banking experience to our customers. Many of them have banked with us since we opened in September 1971. The new facility will truly reflect the quality of service that we strive to give our customers each day. It has an open and welcoming feel. There was a lot of thought given to how our customers want to bank

and how to make the space best work for them. We feel this new branch will be well received by our customers and the community.”

To commemorate the event, a ribbon cutting and grand opening will be held on Monday, October 17. The public is invited to attend the celebration which is scheduled for 10 a.m. outside the front entrance of the branch. After the ribbon cutting ceremony there will be an open house with light refreshments and opportunities to win door prizes and register for cash give-aways.

The current Benchmark branch located at 100 S. Broad St. will permanently close on Friday, October 14 at 5:30 p.m. Customers will be directed to the new branch and ATM location at 204 S. Broad St. Future plans for the vacated space will be administrative and operation offices.

Founded in 1971, Benchmark Community Bank celebrates its 45th anniversary this year. The \$542 million locally owned and operated full service bank serves Southside Virginia and northern North Carolina. Full service branches are located in Blackstone, Chase City, Clarksville, Crewe, Farmville, Halifax, Kenbridge, Lawrenceville, South Boston, South Hill, and Victoria, Virginia. Loan offices are located in Henderson and Wake Forest, North Carolina.

Benchmark Community Bank was recently named one of the top 200 community banks in the nation by American Banker magazine for the 10th year in a row. Additional information can be found at www.bcbonline.com.

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