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Heritage Bank & Trust, Columbia, Tennessee

Celebrates its 10 year Anniversary!

Heritage Bank & Trust opened its doors for business March 6, 2006 in a modular bank at 215 South James Campbell Boulevard. The bank started with twenty-six staff members. The second location of the bank opened in July 2006 at 823 Nashville Highway. The bank completed 2006 and it's first ten months of operations surpassing its projections for loans, deposits and assets.

In April 2007, Heritage Bank & Trust moved into its permanent main office location at 217 South James Campbell Boulevard. This move provided Maury County with not only another opportunity for hometown banking, but a facility equipped with a community room that was state of the art. The bank's community room accommodates 70. Over the last nine years, the bank has hosted trainings, community nonprofit meetings, civic group luncheons, law enforcement and first responder meetings, MRH staff trainings, United Way allocation hearings, Alliance and Chamber events, MCPS Teacher In-services, MC Retired Teachers Association meetings, as well as parties and celebrations for many throughout the community. There have been 11,850 individuals using the facility, participating in over 640 events since April 2007.

The bank has striven to increase Maury County's financial literacy over the years. In 2007, the Tennessee Bankers Association awarded Heritage Bank & Trust with the State's Outstanding PEP Bank Award which is given each year for superior financial education contributions to the local community. That same year, the bank received one of only five National Community Bank Service Awards from the ICBA for banks under \$100 million. The bank's effort was rewarded with a visit from Craig Daniel of the U.S. Department of the Treasury for ABA's Teach Children to Save Day. "We continue to stress financial education throughout the community at area schools, churches, and civic groups. We enjoy sharing information on financial education and are glad to visit any group or school anytime. We are proud to have given over 200 presentations with more than 7000 participants in our 10 year history," stated Heritage Bank's Vice President Jeanine Denney.

Although the young bank was hit hard during the recession, the Heritage Bank Board rose to the occasion, responding with changes in Senior Management. The bank's Chief Financial Officer, Jim Robinson, was moved into the position of Chief Executive Officer in late 2010. Robinson then assembled and led a new management team that focuses on a healthy balance sheet while providing solid returns for its shareholders in a new banking environment.

"The bank has had record earnings for the last two consecutive years," stated Robinson. "We are thankful for the perseverance and hard work of staff members following the recession. The staff's diligent efforts, combined with leadership changes over the last five years, have yielded great progress for the bank. We are now positioned to build on our mission and maximize value for our stakeholders, helping make Maury County even better over our next ten years."