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### **First National Community Bank Celebrates 50th Anniversary: A Milestone of Growth, Service & Commitment to Northwest Georgia**

**Chatsworth, Ga., February 10, 2025** – First National Community Bank (FNCB), a wholly owned subsidiary of First Chatsworth Bankshares, Inc., is proud to announce the beginning of its 50th Anniversary celebration in 2025. Opening for business on August 18, 1975, as First National Bank of Chatsworth, the bank has grown into the largest locally-owned community bank in northwest Georgia. Over the next year, FNCB will commemorate its journey with a series of special events, community initiatives, and marketing efforts to honor its history, engage customers, and reinforce its mission of community-focused banking.

“As we celebrate 50 years of leadership, growth, and service, I want to take a moment to acknowledge that this milestone is the result of the collective efforts of so many individuals who have contributed to the bank’s success over the years. From our founding in 1975 to today, it has been the dedication and hard work of countless team members, community partners, and customers that have made this achievement possible. While we celebrate this significant milestone, we also pay tribute to the leadership that has guided us through change, ensuring we remain grounded in our commitment to integrity, stability, and community. This anniversary is not just a reflection of where we’ve been, but also a celebration of where we’re headed, as we continue to build on our legacy and the strong relationships we’ve formed in northwest Georgia,” said Ryan Earnest, President & CEO of FNCB.

#### **A Rich History of Service and Growth**

FNCB’s roots trace back to its opening in Chatsworth, Georgia, as First National Bank of Chatsworth on August 18, 1975. The bank has experienced remarkable growth and changes over the years, including revising its name to better represent its strategic initiatives that included key mergers which have expanded its reach and capabilities. In August 2019, FNCB merged with Northside Bank, and in July 2021, it merged with Heritage First Bank, further strengthening its position as the cornerstone banking institution in northwest Georgia. Today, FNCB operates 11 branches, a mortgage office in Dalton, and a Loan Production office in Chattanooga, TN, continuing its commitment to offering exceptional service to its customers in the region.

“As First National Community Bank celebrates its 50 Year Anniversary, I want to say ‘Thank You’ to all our customers and supporters for allowing us to serve you, your family, and your businesses for the last 50 years. Only with your support have we been successful. Our Bank opened for business in Chatsworth on August 18<sup>th</sup>, 1975, and has since grown from a small bank in Chatsworth, Georgia to being the largest Community Bank in Northwest Georgia. Our Bank now has 13 facilities serving Chatsworth, Eton, Dalton, Calhoun, Adairsville, Cartersville, Rome, and Dallas, with a Loan Production Office in Chattanooga, TN. Our dedicated team of Bankers look forward to serving our communities for another 50 years. Again, thanks for your continued support,” said Johnny Waters, Chairman.

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## **A Vision for the Future**

As the largest locally-owned community bank in northwest Georgia, FNCB remains committed to delivering quality financial services, from personal and business banking loans of all types to competitive deposit products. The 50th Anniversary celebration will not only reflect on the bank's proud past but also set the stage for its continued success and growth in the years to come.

## **A Year of Celebration and Community Engagement**

FNCB's 50th Anniversary celebration will be marked by several special events throughout the year, culminating in two major events:

### **1. Grand Opening Commemoration - August 18, 2025**

On the official 50th anniversary date, FNCB will host a system-wide celebration across all branches, including a special ceremony at the Chatsworth location to recognize the commemorative plaque from the bank's original 1975 opening. The festivities will include food, refreshments, and speeches from local dignitaries and FNCB leadership. FNCB will also partner with the Murray County Chamber of Commerce to ensure this event is a memorable occasion for both customers and the community.

### **2. Customer Appreciation Holiday Cookie Party & Anniversary Celebration - December 19, 2025**

The popular annual 'Customer Appreciation Holiday Cookie Party' will be expanded to include anniversary-themed activities, creating a festive atmosphere to close out the year-long celebrations. This event will highlight FNCB's deep appreciation for its customers and the ongoing support it has received over the years.

## **A Unified Visual Identity**

To bring the anniversary celebration to life, a special 50th Anniversary crest has been designed and will feature prominently in all marketing materials, creating a unified visual identity throughout the year.

FNCB looks forward to celebrating this monumental occasion with its customers, employees, and communities across northwest Georgia. With a legacy of trust, service, and growth, FNCB is excited to continue its tradition of community-focused banking for another 50 years and beyond.

For more information about First National Community Bank's services and its involvement in local initiatives, please visit <https://fncbank.com>.

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**About First Chatsworth Bankshares Inc.:** Founded in 1975, First National Community Bank, the wholly owned subsidiary of First Chatsworth Bankshares, Inc., has approximately \$650 million in total assets and \$560 million in total deposits. We are a locally owned community bank with our branches located within a contiguous footprint throughout northwest Georgia with local decision making, exemplary customer service and extraordinary involvement in the communities we serve. The Bank operates 11 banking offices in Adairsville, Calhoun, Cartersville, Chatsworth, Dallas, Dalton (2 banking office locations), Eton and Rome (3 banking office locations), a mortgage office in Dalton and loan production in Chattanooga, Tennessee. For more information, visit [www.fncbank.com](http://www.fncbank.com). Member FDIC. Equal Housing Lender.