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Southern Independent Bank Makes Move Into New Andalusia Main Office Facility

ANDALUSIA – On December 4, 2008, Southern Independent Bank marked its second anniversary of service by continuing to pack boxes in preparation for its move to more spacious, permanent quarters. The following Monday, December 8, it opened its doors for business at its new Andalusia Main Office, located at 1417 Dr. MLK, Jr. Expressway, adjacent to the facilities which have served the bank since its inception.

The single-story, traditional new office affords Southern Independent Bank “the opportunity to serve our customers and community in a more comfortable, expansive fashion,” said bank President and CEO Guy “Buddy” Wilkes.

“By virtually any standard, we have grown and prospered even with the constrictions of a modular building during our first two years,” he explained. “Now, we offer our customers a state-of-the-art facility and we do so with gratitude for their patience as we went through the construction phase.”

Wilkes said the availability of private loan offices, administrative areas, expanded drive-in banking lanes and more “will give our customers the banking experience they deserve, and allow us to better provide the service to which we are committed.”

He also said the bank will celebrate the new facility, as well as the opening of its new Opp Office, during the week of January 12, 2009 with a Grand Opening. At that time, he announced, the bank will host customers, friends and civic leaders to a week-long event highlighted by daily door prizes, gifts for guests, contributions to charitable organizations and grand prizes. “I encourage our customers and others to keep an eye out for the Grand Open in January,” he said. “It promises to be a wonderful time with a lot of fun and the chance to see what Southern Independent Bank is all about.”

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