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## **Southern Independent Bank Now Open In Its New Opp Main Office**

OPP – 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 Opp Main Office, located at 503 North Main Street.

The single-story square foot, 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.”

Southern Independent Bank Senior Vice President Brett Ballard, who serves as senior officer in Opp, noted that “we have made tremendous inroads in Opp with respect to welcoming new customers, working from a temporary, modular building. Now, we believe we can fulfill our mission of exceptional service by having this exceptional new building from which to work.”

Wilkes also said the bank will celebrate the new facility, as well as the opening of its new Andalusia 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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