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### **MAGNOLIA STATE BANK WELCOMES NEW EMPLOYEE CURT JONES**

Hattiesburg, MS (January 31, 2011) - Magnolia State Bank is pleased to announce the addition of Curt Jones to the position of Vice President and Commercial Banking Officer in Hattiesburg, MS.

Jones began his career with Regions Bank in 2003 when he joined the bank as a financial services representative. He worked in both retail and commercial banking during his 8 year career at Regions including commercial underwriting for both small and large business loans. Most recently he worked as a community banking relationship manager.

His role at Magnolia State Bank will be to carry that knowledge and experience to a true community bank offering full service commercial banking. Assisting business clients with financial analysis and providing solutions will be his primary focus.

Curt is a native of Carrollton, MS. He married Leslie Marie Brasher of Ackerman, MS and they have two children, Wyatt and Warner. They have resided in Hattiesburg since 2001. A graduate of Carroll Academy, Jones attended Holmes Community College. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from the University of Southern Mississippi and a Master of Business Administration from William Carey University. While at the University of Southern Mississippi, Jones was a place-kicker for the Eagles football team. He is Past President of the Oak Grove Exchange Club, committee chair and board member of the Family YMCA in Hattiesburg, member of Pine Belt Young Professionals and an active participant in the Hattiesburg Area Development Partnership.

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