

SOUTHERN MISSOURI BANCORP INC  
Form 8-K  
March 22, 2006

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

March 21, 2006

**SOUTHERN MISSOURI BANCORP, INC.**

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(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its Charter)

**Missouri**

**000-23406**

**43-1665523**

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(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission File No.)

(IRS Employer  
Identification Number)

**531 Vine Street, Poplar Bluff, Missouri**

**63901**

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(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

**(573) 778-1800**

**N/A**

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(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 1 3e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.1 3e-4(c))

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**ITEM 8.01**

**Other Events**

Southern Missouri Bancorp, Inc. ("Southern Missouri") issued a press release on March 21, 2006, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99 and is incorporated herein by reference, announcing the intention of the Southern Missouri Bancorp, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan ("the ESOP") to purchase, through open market or privately-negotiated transactions, up to \$180,000 market value of Southern Missouri's common stock. ESOP trustees were given discretion to determine the number and pricing of the shares to be purchased, as well as the timing of any such purchases.

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**Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit 99 - Press Release, issued March 21, 2006

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

**SOUTHERN MISSOURI BANCORP, INC.**

Date: March 22, 2006

By:

/s/ Greg A. Steffens

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Greg A. Steffens  
President

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