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**Monroe Bank Announces Promotion**

**BLOOMINGTON, Ind.** — Monroe Bank is pleased to announce the promotion of Keith Leonard to an officer of the Bank. This follows Leonard's promotion last year in March to the position of banking center manager of the Highland Village Banking Center. Leonard joined Monroe Bank in March of 2004 as a full-time sales associate and within two years was promoted to the position of assistant banking center manager for the Highland Village Banking Center. Prior to joining Monroe Bank, Leonard was a financial representative for the Northwestern Mutual Financial Network.

While still passionate about cycling, Leonard pursued a career in professional bicycle racing from 1997-2003. He achieved the status of being a United States Cycling Federation Category 1 Ranked Cyclist, the highest possible amateur ranking for a United States cyclist. Besides his sporting interest, Leonard also participates in volunteer activities by serving on the Board of Directors of Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Central Indiana.

Monroe Bancorp, headquartered in Bloomington, Indiana, is an Indiana bank holding company with Monroe Bank as its wholly owned subsidiary. Monroe Bank was established in 1892 and offers a full range of financial, trust and investment services through its 17 offices in Central and South Central Indiana. The Company's common stock is traded on the NASDAQ Global® Stock Market under the symbol MROE.

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