

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.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its Charter)

Missouri

000-23406

43-1665523

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

(Commission File No.)

(IRS Employer
Identification Number)

531 Vine Street, Poplar Bluff, Missouri

63901

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(573) 778-1800

N/A

(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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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

Greg A. Steffens
President

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