

PRESS RELEASE

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Angela Hardwick Named Van's Retail Office Manager

Austin Bank Vice Chairman Jeff Austin III recently announced the hiring of **Angela Hardwick** as Retail Office Manager in Van.

"Angela is a capable, skilled manager who can assist our customers with all their banking requirements," said Austin. "She has a strong background in operations, management and customer relations. This prior work experience gives Angela the expertise to help our East Texas customers with their Austin Bank financial needs."

Hardwick has more than 12 years banking experience acquired through work with American National Bank in Canton and Bank of America in Tyler. She has been a Banking Center Operations Supervisor, Relationship Banker, Teller and Teller Manager.

A resident of Van, Hardwick and her husband, Jeff, have two children. They are five-year-old Emily and four-year-old Jacob. The family is members of the First Baptist Church in Van where Hardwick is a Sunday School teacher of 3- and 4-year-old children.

Hardwick is a graduate of Tyler Junior College where she received an Associate Degree in Behavioral Science in 1998.

Austin Bank, a community bank with headquarters in Jacksonville, Texas, has \$1 billion in assets. Bank offices are located in 28 East Texas cities within nine counties. More information about the bank can be found at www.austinbank.com.