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Tomorrow, November 11th - Old National Bank Celebrates 175th Anniversary

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EVANSVILLE, Ind., Nov. 10, 2009 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Old National Bancorp (NYSE:ONB) celebrates its 175th anniversary tomorrow, Wednesday, November 11, 2009. From its modest beginning with two associates, in a one-room bank on Evansville's riverfront (in the same location where the headquarters now stands), Old National has grown into a thriving financial institution with more than 170 banking centers and 3,000 associates serving a three-state footprint.

Tomorrow at 3 p.m. (CST), 4 p.m. (EST), Old National Bancorp President and CEO Bob Jones, Old National Bancorp Chairman Larry Dunigan, and the remaining nine board directors will ring the New York Stock Exchange's closing bell. (Please note the following live link to bell ringing <http://www.nyse.com/attachment/liveflashbell.htm>)

In the days leading up to Old National's anniversary date, Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels and U.S. Congressman Brad Ellsworth, who represents Indiana's 8th District, both made proclamations declaring Nov. 11 Old National Bank Day in Indiana. In addition, both the Indiana House and Senate introduced resolutions acknowledging Old National's historic anniversary and long-standing commitment to Indiana families, businesses and communities, while mayors in several Indiana, Kentucky and Illinois cities and counties (including Evansville and Indianapolis) introduced proclamations officially recognizing the week or day of Old National's anniversary.

Throughout the year, Old National has celebrated its milestone anniversary by giving back to the communities where its clients and associates live and work. The following are just a few of the activities that have taken place throughout the year:

* Each quarter, associates held donation drives in Old National

markets with the goal of collecting 175 items to donate to local charities. The first three collections (the fourth is underway) exceeded each market's goal and resulted in the collection of 30,275 total items that stayed in each local community.

* On June 24 (175th day of the year), Old National donated more than \$175,000 to over 200 non-profit organizations. Each of Old National's 182 banking centers and insurance offices donated \$175 to a local charity of the banking center's choice, and there were other significant gifts throughout Indiana, Illinois and Kentucky.

* Today, Old National Bancorp President and CEO, Bob Jones, kicked-off a 175-hour volunteer marathon at Old National's 4th quarter Town Hall meeting for associates. During a 175-hour period, starting at 9:00 a.m. (CST) this morning, associates will volunteer in special ways throughout their communities, in honor of Old National's 175th anniversary.

Old National Bancorp, celebrating its 175th anniversary in 2009, is the largest financial services holding company headquartered in Indiana and, with \$8 billion in assets, ranks among the top 100 banking companies in the United States. Since its founding in Evansville in 1834, Old National has focused on community banking by building long-term, highly valued partnerships with clients in its primary footprint of Indiana, Illinois and Kentucky. In addition to providing extensive services in retail and commercial banking, wealth management, investments and brokerage, Old National also owns one of the largest independent insurance agencies headquartered in Indiana, offering complete personal and commercial insurance solutions. For more information and financial data, please visit the Company's website at www.oldnational.com.

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