

CHRISTIE'S OFFICE SUPPLY

No matter where you go in Rome or Floyd County, there are numerous small businesses that dot the landscape. Despite the fact that they are all very different, there is one thing they all have in common. They all depend on office supplies to keep the business running smoothly. One great place to get office supplies is *Christie's Office Supply* in downtown Rome.

Since 1978, Christie's Office Supply has been located at 100 Broad Street. "We've been in business since August 1972," reminisces **Jim Christie**, owner of Christie's Office Supply. "The store has been open for 35 years. The original store was located on 215 East 1st Street and then we moved to the location we are at now on Broad."

While his customer base reaches into outlying areas such as Cartersville, Cedartown and Summerville, Rome is still the primary focus of Christie's Office Supply's business base. "There is one location in Rome, and we work about a 50-mile radius," said Christie. Christie's Office Supply provides its customers with office supplies, furniture, and machines. They have a wide variety of copiers such as Konica, Minolta and Brother. "We have been servicing office machines at the store for years," said Christie.

Greeted with a smile when you walk through the door, Christie's Office Supply is ready to serve customers all the time. "Our service sets us apart from others," said Christie. "When you call, you are going to talk to a real person not a recording. We have factory trained technicians in our service center right here in our store."

Customers continue coming to Christie's store because of the competitive pricing, knowledgeable associates and free delivery. Christie's Office Supply



Jim Christie (right), owner of Christie's Office Supply, shows John Schroeder a copying machine in his store located at 100 Broad Street.

takes pride in explaining each product to their customers so that they can understand exactly how it works. "Product knowledge means a lot to our customers," said Christie.

For Christie, Christie's Office Supply's membership in the Chamber of Commerce has been very important. "I want to support the community," said Christie.

Christie's Office Supply can be reached at (706) 291-4550.



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scriptase. This enzyme is derived from Avian Myeloblastosis virus, a virus that is normally propagated in chickens. Thus, MGR's activities consist of propagation and collection of this important virus, known to effect only a very limited variety of chicken species, in tightly controlled laboratory facilities.

Dr. Ed Houts, a local Roman, will be head of operations at the facility is eager to get to work. "We are running low on our inventory of this important virus, so I am ready to start producing," Houts said.

City of Rome Mayor Ronnie Wallace (LR, '87) is excited to attract a biomedical company to the community. "We have been focusing our efforts to bring companies like Molecular Genetic Resources to our community in order to further diversify our employer base."

Numerous local medical experts and college professors met with Dr. Houts and company representatives to assure themselves and the community that the process is safe and secure. **Berry College** professor and **County Commission Chairman Dr. Jerry Jennings (LR, '87)** said, "Public safety is our top concern, so we asked the tough questions and walked away confident that this company was a good fit for us."

Coosa Valley Technical College's Business Expansion Center is a prime location for this company. **Dr. Craig McDaniel (LR, '87)**, president of Coosa Valley Technical College, worked to open this facility seven years ago. "We designed the center to assist new companies and lessen their burden during the start-up phase."

Molecular Genetic Resources began operations during October.

