

Northwest Bancshares, Inc.  
Form 8-K  
June 19, 2015

**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): **June 16, 2015**

**NORTHWEST BANCSHARES, INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

**Maryland**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**001-34582**  
(Commission File No.)

**27-0950358**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**100 Liberty Street, Warren, Pennsylvania**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**16365**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(814) 726-2140**

**Not Applicable**

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(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Other Events**

Pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Merger by and between Northwest Bancshares, Inc. (the Company) and LNB Bancorp, Inc. (LNB Bancorp), LNB Bancorp issued a press release stating that its shareholders voted to approve the previously announced merger of LNB Bancorp into the Company.

**Forward-Looking Statements**

This Current Report on Form 8-K contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 giving the Company's and LNB Bancorp's expectations or predictions of future financial or business performance or conditions. Forward-looking statements are typically identified by words such as believe, expect, anticipate, intend, target, estimate, continue, prospects or potential, by future conditional verbs such as will, would, should, could or may, or by variations of such words or by similar expressions. These forward-looking statements are subject to numerous assumptions, risks and uncertainties, which change over time. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they are made and we assume no duty to update forward-looking statements. Actual results may differ materially from current projections.

In addition to factors previously disclosed in the Company's and LNB Bancorp's reports filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and those identified elsewhere in this document, the following factors among others, could cause actual results to differ materially from forward-looking statements or historical performance: ability to meet the closing conditions to the merger; delay in closing the merger; difficulties and delays in integrating LNB Bancorp business or fully realizing cost savings and other benefits; business disruption following the merger; changes in asset quality and credit risk; the inability to sustain revenue and earnings growth; changes in interest rates and capital markets; inflation; customer acceptance of the Company's products and services; customer borrowing, repayment, investment and deposit practices; customer disintermediation; the introduction, withdrawal, success and timing of business initiatives; competitive conditions; the inability to realize cost savings or revenues or to implement integration plans and other consequences associated with mergers, acquisitions and divestitures; economic conditions; and the impact, extent and timing of technological changes, capital management activities, and other actions of the Federal Reserve Board and legislative and regulatory actions and reforms.

**Item 9.01.**

**Financial Statements and Exhibits**

- (a) Financial statements of businesses acquired. Not Applicable.
- (b) Pro forma financial information. Not Applicable.
- (c) Shell company transactions: Not Applicable.
- (d) Exhibits. None.

**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, hereunto duly authorized.

**NORTHWEST BANCSHARES, INC.**

DATE: June 19, 2015

By:

/s/ William W. Harvey, Jr.  
William W. Harvey, Jr.  
Chief Financial Officer