

Northwest Bancshares, Inc.
Form 8-K
January 12, 2015

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): **January 12, 2015**

Northwest Bancshares, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

1-34582
(Commission File No.)

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

100 Liberty Street

Warren, Pennsylvania
(Address of principal executive office)

16365
(Zip code)

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

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(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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 - o 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

On January 12, 2015, Northwest Savings Bank (the **Bank**), the wholly-owned subsidiary of Northwest Bancshares, Inc. (the **Company**) announced that the Bank acquired the B. J. Petruso Agency, a property and casualty and life insurance firm located in Meadville, Pennsylvania. A copy of the Press Release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report.

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Financial Statements and Exhibits

(a) Not applicable

(b) Not applicable

(c) Not applicable

(d) Exhibits

| Exhibit No. | Description |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 99.1 | Press release dated January 12, 2015 |

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: January 12, 2015

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