BANK OF THE OZARKS INC Form 8-K December 09, 2013

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): December 9, 2013

Bank of the Ozarks, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Arkansas 0-22759 71-0556208

(State of incorporation or other jurisdiction) (Commission (IRS Employer File Number) Identification No.)

17901 Chenal Parkway, Little Rock, Arkansas 72223

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(501) 978-2265

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

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

Item 8.01 - Other Information.

On December 9, 2013, Bank of the Ozarks, Inc. (the "Company") announced that it has entered into a definitive agreement and plan of merger (the "Agreement) with Bancshares, Inc. ("Bancshares") in Houston, Texas. Under the terms of the Agreement, the Company will pay approximately \$23 million in cash for all outstanding shares of Bancshares common stock, subject to potential adjustments. Completion of the transaction is subject to certain closing conditions, including customary regulatory approvals and the approval of Bancshares' shareholders. The transaction is expected to close the first quarter of 2014.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

The following exhibit is being furnished with this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Exhibit

No. Description of Exhibit

Press Release dated December 9, 2013 whereby Bank of the Ozarks, Inc. Announces Agreement to Acquire Bancshares, Inc. of Houston, Texas.

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SIGNATURE

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.

BANK OF

<u>THE</u>

OZARKS.

<u>INC.</u>

(Registrant)

Date: December 9, 2013

/s/ Greg

McKinney

Greg

McKinney

Chief

Financial

Officer

and Chief

Accounting

Officer

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