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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files).

Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer
Non-accelerated filer

Accelerated filer
Smaller reporting company

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Yes No

At August 8, 2014, there were 16,851,320 shares of common stock outstanding.

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PART I --- FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Financial Statements

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

| | June 30, 2014 (Unaudited) | December 31, 2013 (Audited) |
|--|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| Cash and due from banks | \$58,730,000 | \$17,149,000 |
| Interest-bearing deposits | 48,150,000 | 6,389,000 |
| Federal funds sold | 11,973,000 | 123,427,000 |
| Total cash and cash equivalents | 118,853,000 | 146,965,000 |
| Securities available for sale | 475,275,000 | 131,178,000 |
| Federal Home Loan Bank stock | 19,226,000 | 11,961,000 |
| Loans | 2,073,482,000 | 1,053,243,000 |
| Allowance for loan losses | (20,856,000) | (22,821,000) |
| Loans, net | 2,052,626,000 | 1,030,422,000 |
| Premises and equipment, net | 49,003,000 | 24,898,000 |
| Bank owned life insurance | 55,693,000 | 51,377,000 |
| Goodwill | 50,870,000 | 0 |
| Core deposit intangible | 17,213,000 | 0 |
| Net deferred tax asset | 9,238,000 | 17,754,000 |
| Accrued interest receivable | 7,711,000 | 3,649,000 |
| Other real estate owned and repossessed assets | 2,878,000 | 2,851,000 |
| Other assets | 20,696,000 | 5,911,000 |
| Total assets | \$2,879,282,000 | \$1,426,966,000 |
| LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY | | |
| Deposits | | |
| Noninterest-bearing | \$515,646,000 | \$224,580,000 |
| Interest-bearing | 1,787,615,000 | 894,331,000 |
| Total deposits | 2,303,261,000 | 1,118,911,000 |
| Securities sold under agreements to repurchase | 124,108,000 | 69,305,000 |
| Federal Home Loan Bank advances | 57,044,000 | 45,000,000 |

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|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| Subordinated debentures | 54,131,000 | 32,990,000 |
| Other borrowed money | 14,348,000 | 1,620,000 |
| Accrued interest and other liabilities | 10,252,000 | 5,815,000 |
| Total liabilities | 2,563,144,000 | 1,273,641,000 |
| Shareholders' equity | | |
| Preferred stock, no par value; 1,000,000 shares authorized; none issued | 0 | 0 |
| Common stock, no par value; 40,000,000 shares authorized; 16,839,175 shares outstanding at June 30, 2014 and 8,739,108 shares outstanding at December 31, 2013 | 318,452,000 | 162,999,000 |
| Retained earnings (deficit) | 673,000 | (4,101,000) |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) | (2,987,000) | (5,573,000) |
| Total shareholders' equity | 316,138,000 | 153,325,000 |
| Total liabilities and shareholders' equity | \$2,879,282,000 | \$1,426,966,000 |

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

(Unaudited)

| | Three Months Ended June 30, 2014 (Unaudited) | Three Months Ended June 30, 2013 (Unaudited) | Six Months Ended June 30, 2014 (Unaudited) | Six Months Ended June 30, 2013 (Unaudited) |
|--|---|---|--|--|
| Interest income | | | | |
| Loans, including fees | \$16,657,000 | \$12,687,000 | \$28,756,000 | \$25,533,000 |
| Securities, taxable | 1,393,000 | 1,007,000 | 2,627,000 | 2,014,000 |
| Securities, tax-exempt | 374,000 | 257,000 | 557,000 | 552,000 |
| Federal funds sold | 41,000 | 35,000 | 109,000 | 89,000 |
| Interest-bearing deposits | 17,000 | 6,000 | 21,000 | 13,000 |
| Total interest income | 18,482,000 | 13,992,000 | 32,070,000 | 28,201,000 |
| Interest expense | | | | |
| Deposits | 2,272,000 | 2,223,000 | 4,307,000 | 4,543,000 |
| Short-term borrowings | 27,000 | 19,000 | 49,000 | 39,000 |
| Federal Home Loan Bank advances | 156,000 | 119,000 | 306,000 | 238,000 |
| Other borrowings | 474,000 | 319,000 | 791,000 | 615,000 |
| Total interest expense | 2,929,000 | 2,680,000 | 5,453,000 | 5,435,000 |
| Net interest income | 15,553,000 | 11,312,000 | 26,617,000 | 22,766,000 |
| Provision for loan losses | (700,000) | (1,500,000) | (2,600,000) | (3,000,000) |
| Net interest income after provision for loan losses | 16,253,000 | 12,812,000 | 29,217,000 | 25,766,000 |
| Noninterest income | | | | |
| Services charges on accounts | 522,000 | 384,000 | 887,000 | 758,000 |
| Earnings on bank owned life insurance | 282,000 | 350,000 | 581,000 | 688,000 |
| Mortgage banking activities | 349,000 | 225,000 | 412,000 | 477,000 |
| Rental income from other real estate owned | 43,000 | 156,000 | 99,000 | 355,000 |
| Other income | 1,092,000 | 657,000 | 1,815,000 | 1,321,000 |
| Total noninterest income | 2,288,000 | 1,772,000 | 3,794,000 | 3,599,000 |
| Noninterest expense | | | | |
| Salaries and benefits | 7,037,000 | 4,981,000 | 12,267,000 | 9,838,000 |

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|---|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Occupancy | 914,000 | 624,000 | 1,626,000 | 1,282,000 |
| Furniture and equipment | 368,000 | 256,000 | 615,000 | 512,000 |
| FDIC insurance costs | 224,000 | 175,000 | 401,000 | 420,000 |
| Problem asset costs | (36,000) | 279,000 | (56,000) | 410,000 |
| Merger-related costs | 3,453,000 | 46,000 | 3,830,000 | 60,000 |
| Other expense | 4,106,000 | 2,452,000 | 6,590,000 | 4,875,000 |
| Total noninterest expenses | 16,066,000 | 8,813,000 | 25,273,000 | 17,397,000 |
| Income before federal income tax expense | 2,475,000 | 5,771,000 | 7,738,000 | 11,968,000 |
| Federal income tax expense | 966,000 | 1,755,000 | 2,649,000 | 3,552,000 |
| Net income | \$1,509,000 | \$4,016,000 | \$5,089,000 | \$8,416,000 |
| Basic earnings per share | \$0.13 | \$0.46 | \$0.50 | \$0.97 |
| Diluted earnings per share | \$0.13 | \$0.46 | \$0.50 | \$0.97 |
| Cash dividends per share | \$2.12 | \$0.11 | \$2.24 | \$0.21 |
| Average basic shares outstanding | \$11,406,908 | \$8,705,667 | \$10,080,242 | \$8,705,673 |
| Average diluted shares outstanding | \$11,435,867 | \$8,718,649 | \$10,094,725 | \$8,718,627 |

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

(Unaudited)

| | Three Months Ended June 30, 2014 (Unaudited) | Three Months Ended June 30, 2013 (Unaudited) | Six Months Ended June 30, 2014 (Unaudited) | Six Months Ended June 30, 2013 (Unaudited) |
|--|---|---|--|--|
| Net income | \$ 1,509,000 | \$ 4,016,000 | \$ 5,089,000 | \$ 8,416,000 |
| Other comprehensive income (loss): | | | | |
| Unrealized holding gains (losses) on securities available for sale | 1,537,000 | (3,787,000) | 4,148,000 | (4,789,000) |
| Fair value of interest rate swap | (140,000) | 763,000 | (126,000) | 797,000 |
| | 1,397,000 | (3,024,000) | 4,022,000 | (3,992,000) |
| Tax effect of unrealized holding gains (losses) on securities available for sale | (568,000) | 1,325,000 | (1,481,000) | 1,676,000 |
| Tax effect of fair value of interest rate swap | 49,000 | (266,000) | 45,000 | (226,000) |
| | (519,000) | 1,059,000 | (1,436,000) | 1,450,000 |
| Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax | 878,000 | (1,965,000) | 2,586,000 | (2,542,000) |
| Comprehensive income | \$ 2,387,000 | \$ 2,051,000 | \$ 7,675,000 | \$ 5,874,000 |

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 CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF
 CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY
 (Unaudited)

| (\$ in thousands) | Preferred Stock | Common Stock | Retained Earnings (Deficit) | Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) | Total Shareholders' Equity |
|---|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| Balances, January 1, 2014 | \$ 0 | \$ 162,999 | \$ (4,101) | \$ (5,573) | \$ 153,325 |
| Stock option exercises (5,920 shares) | | 75 | | | 75 |
| Stock grants to directors for retainer fees (7,375 shares) | | 155 | | | 155 |
| Stock-based compensation expense | | 351 | | | 351 |
| Cash dividends (\$2.24 per common share) | | (20,102) | (315) | | (20,417) |
| Common stock issued in connection with Firstbank merger (8,087,272 shares) | | 173,310 | | | 173,310 |
| Stock options issued to replace existing Firstbank options at merger date | | 1,664 | | | 1,664 |
| Net income for the six months ended June 30, 2014 | | | 5,089 | | 5,089 |
| Change in net unrealized holding gain on securities available for sale, net of tax effect | | | | 2,667 | 2,667 |
| Change in fair value of interest rate swap, net of tax effect | | | | (81) | (81) |
| Balances, June 30, 2014 | \$ 0 | \$ 318,452 | \$ 673 | \$ (2,987) | \$ 316,138 |

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF

CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY (Continued)

(Unaudited)

| (\$ in thousands) | Preferred Stock | Common Stock | Retained Earnings (Deficit) | Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) | Total Shareholders' Equity |
|---|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| Balances, January 1, 2013 | \$ 0 | \$ 166,074 | \$(21,134) | \$ 1,650 | \$ 146,590 |
| Employee stock purchase plan (1,098 shares) | | 19 | | | 19 |
| Dividend reinvestment plan (1,954 shares) | | 33 | | | 33 |
| Stock-based compensation expense | | 236 | | | 236 |
| Cash dividends (\$0.21 per common share) | | (1,814) | | | (1,814) |
| Net income for the six months ended June 30, 2013 | | | 8,416 | | 8,416 |
| Change in net unrealized holding gain on securities available for sale, net of tax effect | | | | (3,113) | (3,113) |
| Change in fair value of interest rate swap, net of tax effect | | | | 571 | 571 |
| Balances, June 30, 2013 | \$ 0 | \$ 164,548 | \$(12,718) | \$ (892) | \$ 150,938 |

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(Unaudited)

| | Six Months Ended June 30, 2014 | Six Months Ended June 30, 2013 |
|---|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Cash flows from operating activities | | |
| Net income | \$5,089,000 | \$8,416,000 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash from operating activities | | |
| Depreciation and amortization | 1,967,000 | 1,086,000 |
| Accretion of acquired loans | (512,000) | 0 |
| Provision for loan losses | (2,600,000) | (3,000,000) |
| Stock-based compensation expense | 351,000 | 236,000 |
| Proceeds from sales of mortgage loans held for sale | 16,958,000 | 29,298,000 |
| Origination of mortgage loans held for sale | (16,525,000) | (28,383,000) |
| Net gain from sales of mortgage loans held for sale | (383,000) | (395,000) |
| Net gain from sale and valuation write-down of foreclosed assets | (605,000) | (895,000) |
| Earnings on bank owned life insurance | (581,000) | (688,000) |
| Net change in: | | |
| Accrued interest receivable | 312,000 | 214,000 |
| Other assets | (1,678,000) | 11,930,000 |
| Accrued interest and other liabilities | (5,844,000) | (1,368,000) |
| Net cash from (for) operating activities | (4,051,000) | 16,451,000 |
| Cash flows from investing activities | | |
| Cash received in merger | 91,806,000 | 0 |
| Loan originations and payments, net | (75,655,000) | (20,433,000) |
| Purchases of securities available for sale | (11,679,000) | (28,973,000) |
| Proceeds from maturities, calls and repayments of securities available for sale | 22,800,000 | 28,538,000 |
| Proceeds from sales of securities available for sale | 0 | 3,905,000 |
| Proceeds from sales of foreclosed assets | 1,940,000 | 5,659,000 |
| Purchases of premises and equipment | (874,000) | (134,000) |
| Net cash from (for) investing activities | 28,338,000 | (11,438,000) |
| Cash flows from financing activities | | |
| Net decrease in time deposits | (15,516,000) | (51,608,000) |
| Net decrease in all other deposits | (29,743,000) | (22,281,000) |
| Net increase (decrease) in securities sold under agreements to repurchase | 319,000 | (7,437,000) |
| Net increase in other borrowed money | 12,728,000 | 49,000 |
| Proceeds from stock option exercises | 75,000 | 0 |

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|--|---------------|---------------|
| Employee stock purchase plan | 0 | 19,000 |
| Dividend reinvestment plan | 0 | 33,000 |
| Stock grants to directors for retainer fee | 155,000 | 0 |
| Payment of cash dividends to common shareholders | (20,417,000) | (1,814,000) |
| Net cash for financing activities | (52,399,000) | (83,039,000) |
| Net change in cash and cash equivalents | (28,112,000) | (78,026,000) |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period | 146,965,000 | 136,003,000 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period | \$118,853,000 | \$57,977,000 |

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (Continued)

(Unaudited)

Supplemental disclosures of cash flows information

Cash paid during the period for:

| | | |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| Interest | \$5,336,000 | \$6,068,000 |
| Federal income tax | 1,400,000 | 0 |
| Noncash financing and investing activities: | | |
| Transfers from loans to foreclosed assets | 175,000 | 1,710,000 |

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NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Unaudited)

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Presentation: The unaudited financial statements for the six months ended June 30, 2014 include the consolidated results of operations of Mercantile Bank Corporation and its consolidated subsidiaries. These subsidiaries include Mercantile Bank of Michigan (“our bank”) and our bank’s two subsidiaries, Mercantile Bank Real Estate Co., LLC (“our real estate company”) and Mercantile Insurance Center, Inc. (“our insurance center”). These consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the instructions for Form 10-Q and Item 303(b) of Regulation S-K and do not include all disclosures required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for a complete presentation of our financial condition and results of operations. In the opinion of management, the information reflects all adjustments (consisting only of normal recurring adjustments) which are necessary in order to make the financial statements not misleading and for a fair presentation of the results of operations for such periods. The results for the period ended June 30, 2014 should not be considered as indicative of results for a full year. For further information, refer to the consolidated financial statements and footnotes included in our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013.

We have five separate business trusts that were formed to issue trust preferred securities. Subordinated debentures were issued to the trusts in return for the proceeds raised from the issuance of the trust preferred securities. The trusts are not consolidated, but instead we report the subordinated debentures issued to the trusts as a liability.

Earnings Per Share: Basic earnings per share is based on the weighted average number of common shares and participating securities outstanding during the period. Diluted earnings per share include the dilutive effect of additional potential common shares issuable under our stock-based compensation plans and are determined using the treasury stock method. Our unvested restricted shares, which contain non-forfeitable rights to dividends whether paid or accrued (i.e., participating securities), are included in the number of shares outstanding for both basic and diluted earnings per share calculations. In the event of a net loss, our unvested restricted shares are excluded from the calculation of both basic and diluted earnings per share.

Stock options for approximately 159,000 shares of common stock were included in determining diluted earnings per share for the three and six months ended June 30, 2014. Stock options for approximately 177,000 shares of common

stock were antidilutive and not included in determining diluted earnings per share for the three and six months ended June 30, 2014.

Approximately 64,000 unvested restricted shares were included in determining both basic and diluted earnings per share for the three and six months ended June 30, 2013. In addition, stock options for approximately 21,000 shares of common stock were included in determining diluted earnings per share for the three and six months ended June 30, 2013. Stock options for approximately 132,000 shares of common stock were antidilutive and not included in determining diluted earnings per share for the three and six months ended June 30, 2013.

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NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Unaudited)

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Loans: Loans that we have the intent and ability to hold for the foreseeable future or until maturity or payoff are reported at the principal balance outstanding, net of deferred loan fees and costs and an allowance for loan losses. Interest income is accrued on the unpaid principal balance. Loan origination fees, net of certain direct origination costs, are deferred and recognized in interest income using the level-yield method without anticipating prepayments.

Interest income on commercial loans and mortgage loans is discontinued at the time the loan is 90 days delinquent unless the loan is well-secured and in process of collection. Consumer and credit card loans are typically charged-off no later than when they are 120 days past due. Past due status is based on the contractual terms of the loan. In all cases, loans are placed on nonaccrual or charged-off at an earlier date if collection of principal and interest is considered doubtful.

All interest accrued but not received for loans placed on nonaccrual is reversed against interest income. Interest received on such loans is accounted for on the cash-basis or cost-recovery method, until qualifying for return to accrual. Loans are returned to accrual status when all the principal and interest amounts contractually due are brought current and future payments are reasonably assured.

Allowance for Loan Losses: The allowance for loan losses (“allowance”) is a valuation allowance for probable incurred credit losses. Loan losses are charged against the allowance when we believe the uncollectability of a loan is confirmed. Subsequent recoveries, if any, are credited to the allowance. We estimate the allowance balance required using past loan loss experience, the nature and volume of the portfolio, information about specific borrower situations and estimated collateral values, economic conditions and other factors. Allocations of the allowance may be made for specific loans, but the entire allowance is available for any loan that, in our judgment, should be charged-off.

A loan is considered to be impaired when, based on current information and events, it is probable we will be unable to collect the scheduled payments of principal and interest when due according to the contractual terms of the loan

agreement. Factors considered in determining impairment include payment status, collateral value and the probability of collecting scheduled principal and interest payments when due. Loans that experience insignificant payment delays and payment shortfalls generally are not classified as impaired. We determine the significance of payment delays and payment shortfalls on a case-by-case basis, taking into consideration all of the circumstances surrounding the loan and the borrower, including the length of delay, the reasons for delay, the borrower's prior payment record and the amount of the shortfall in relation to the principal and interest owed. Impairment is measured on a loan-by-loan basis for commercial and construction loans by either the present value of expected future cash flows discounted at the loan's effective interest rate, the loan's obtainable market price or the fair value of collateral if the loan is collateral dependent. Large groups of smaller balance homogeneous loans are collectively evaluated for impairment.

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1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Troubled Debt Restructurings: A loan is accounted for as a troubled debt restructuring if we, for economic or legal reasons, grant a concession to a borrower considered to be experiencing financial difficulties that we would not otherwise consider. A troubled debt restructuring may involve the receipt of assets from the debtor in partial or full satisfaction of the loan, or a modification of terms such as a reduction of the stated interest rate or balance of the loan, a reduction of accrued interest, an extension of the maturity date or renewal of the loan at a stated interest rate lower than the current market rate for a new loan with similar risk, or some combination of these concessions. Troubled debt restructurings can be in either accrual or nonaccrual status. Nonaccrual troubled debt restructurings are included in nonperforming loans. Accruing troubled debt restructurings are generally excluded from nonperforming loans as it is considered probable that all contractual principal and interest due under the restructured terms will be collected.

In accordance with current accounting guidance, loans modified as troubled debt restructurings are, by definition, considered to be impaired loans. Impairment for these loans is measured on a loan-by-loan basis similar to other impaired loans as described above under "Allowance for Loan Losses." Certain loans modified as troubled debt restructurings may have been previously measured for impairment under a general allowance methodology (i.e., pooling), thus at the time the loan is modified as a troubled debt restructuring the allowance will be impacted by the difference between the results of these two measurement methodologies. Loans modified as troubled debt restructurings that subsequently default are factored into the determination of the allowance in the same manner as other defaulted loans.

Investments: Investments are presented at fair value as required by accounting principles. Our investment portfolio is classified as available for sale, as such: adjustments to the fair value are reported as a change in equity. If a security is deemed to be other than temporarily impaired, the adjustment to fair value is recorded through the income statement.

Securities available for sale consist of bonds and notes which might be sold prior to maturity due to changes in interest rates, prepayment risks, yield and availability of alternative investments, liquidity needs or other factors. Securities

classified as available for sale are reported at their fair value and the related unrealized holding gain or loss (the difference between the fair value and amortized cost of the securities so classified) is reported in other comprehensive income. Other securities such as Federal Home Loan Bank stock are carried at cost. Interest income includes amortization of purchase premium or accretion of purchase discount. Premiums and discounts on securities are amortized or accreted on the level-yield method. Gains and losses on sales are recorded on the trade date and are determined using the specific identification method.

Declines in the fair value of securities below their cost that are other than temporary are reflected as realized losses. In estimating other-than-temporary losses, management considers: (1) the length of time and extent that fair value has been less than carrying value; (2) the financial condition and near-term prospects of the issuer; and (3) the Company's ability and intent to hold the security for a period of time sufficient to allow for any anticipated recovery in fair value.

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NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Unaudited)

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Loans Held for Sale: Mortgage loans originated and intended for sale in the secondary market are carried at the lower of aggregate cost or market, as determined by outstanding commitments from investors. Net unrealized losses, if any, are recorded as a valuation allowance and charged to earnings. As of June 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, we determined that the fair value of our mortgage loans held for sale approximated the recorded cost of \$1.9 million and \$1.1 million, respectively.

Mortgage loans held for sale are generally sold with servicing rights retained. Gains and losses on sales of mortgage loans are based on the difference between the selling price and the carrying value of the related loan sold, which is reduced by the cost allocated to the servicing right. We generally lock in the sale price to the purchaser of the loan at the same time we make a rate commitment to the borrower. These mortgage banking activities are not designated as hedges and are carried at fair value. The net gain or loss on mortgage banking derivatives is included in the gain on sale of loans. Mortgage loans serviced for others totaled \$593.0 million as of June 30, 2014.

Mortgage Banking Activities: Servicing rights are recognized as assets based on the allocated fair value of retained servicing rights on loans sold. Servicing rights are carried at the lower of amortized cost or fair value and are expensed in proportion to, and over the period of, estimated net servicing income. Impairment is evaluated quarterly based on the fair value of the servicing rights, using groupings of the underlying loans as to interest rates, types of loans, loan size, term and other factors. Any temporary impairment of a grouping is reported as a valuation allowance which is recovered when impairment no longer exists. Other-than-temporary impairments are recorded as a direct write-down to the carrying value of the servicing assets.

Servicing fee income is recorded for fees earned for servicing loans. The fees are based on a contractual percentage of the outstanding principal or a fixed amount per loan and are recorded as income when earned. Amortization of mortgage servicing rights is netted against loan servicing income in the income statement.

Derivatives: Derivative financial instruments are recognized as assets or liabilities at fair value. The accounting for changes in the fair value of derivatives depends on the use of the derivatives and whether the derivatives qualify for hedge accounting. Used as part of our asset and liability management to help manage interest rate risk, our derivatives have generally consisted of interest rate swap agreements that qualified for hedge accounting. In February 2012, we entered into an interest rate swap agreement that qualifies for hedge accounting. The current outstanding interest rate swap is discussed in more detail in Note 11. We do not use derivatives for trading purposes.

Changes in the fair value of derivatives that are designated, for accounting purposes, as a hedge of the variability of cash flows to be received on various loans and are effective are reported in other comprehensive income. They are later reclassified into earnings in the same periods during which the hedged transaction affects earnings and are included in the line item in which the hedged cash flows are recorded. If hedge accounting does not apply, changes in the fair value of derivatives are recognized immediately in current earnings as interest income or expense.

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If designated as a hedge, we formally document the relationship between derivatives as hedged items, as well as the risk-management objective and the strategy for undertaking hedge transactions. This documentation includes linking cash flow hedges to specific assets and liabilities on the balance sheet. If designated as a hedge, we also formally assess, both at the hedge's inception and on an ongoing basis, whether the derivative instruments that are used are highly effective in offsetting changes in cash flows of the hedged items. Ineffective hedge gains and losses are recognized immediately in current earnings as noninterest income or expense. We discontinue hedge accounting when we determine the derivative is no longer effective in offsetting changes in the cash flows of the hedged item, the derivative is settled or terminates, or treatment of the derivative as a hedge is no longer appropriate or intended.

Goodwill and Core Deposit Intangible: Goodwill results from business acquisitions and represents the excess of the purchase price over the fair value of acquired tangible assets and liabilities and identifiable intangible assets. Goodwill is assessed at least annually for impairment and any such impairment is recognized in the period identified. A more frequent assessment is performed if conditions in the market place or changes in the company's organizational structure occur. We use a discounted income approach and a market valuation model, which compares the inherent value of our company to valuations of recent transactions in the market place to determine if our goodwill has been impaired.

The core deposit intangible that arose from the Firstbank Corporation acquisition was initially measured at fair value and is being amortized into noninterest expense over a ten-year period using the sum-of-the-years-digits methodology.

Adoption of New Accounting Standards: In January of 2014, the FASB issued ASU 2014-04, *Reclassification of Residential Real Estate Collateralized Consumer Mortgage Loans upon Foreclosure*. This ASU clarifies that an in substance repossession or foreclosure occurs, and a creditor is considered to have received physical possession of residential real estate property collateralizing a consumer mortgage loan, upon either (1) the creditor obtaining legal title to the residential real estate property upon completion of a foreclosure or (2) the borrower conveying all interest in the residential real estate property to the creditor to satisfy that loan through completion of a deed in lieu of

foreclosure or through a similar legal agreement. The ASU also requires additional related interim and annual disclosures. The guidance in this ASU is effective for annual and interim periods beginning after December 15, 2014. The adoption of this ASU is not expected to have a material effect on our financial position or results of operations.

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In May 2014, the FASB issued ASU 2014-09, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers*. This ASU establishes a comprehensive revenue recognition standard for virtually all industries under U.S. GAAP, including those that previously followed industry-specific guidance such as the real estate, construction and software industries. The revenue standard's core principle is built on the contract between a vendor and a customer for the provision of goods and services. It attempts to depict the exchange of rights and obligations between the parties in the pattern of revenue recognition based on the consideration to which the vendor is entitled. To accomplish this objective, the standard requires five basic steps: i) identify the contract with the customer, (ii) identify the performance obligations in the contract, (iii) determine the transaction price, (iv) allocate the transaction price to the performance obligations in the contract, and (v) recognize revenue when (or as) the entity satisfies a performance obligation. This ASU is effective for annual and interim periods beginning after December 15, 2016 with three transition methods available – full retrospective, retrospective and cumulative effect approach. Adoption of this ASU is not expected to have a material effect on our financial position or results of operations.

In June 2014, the FASB issued ASU 2014-11, *Repurchase-to-Maturity Transactions, Repurchase Financings, and Disclosures*. This ASU requires two accounting changes. First, repurchase-to-maturity transactions will be accounted for as secured borrowing transactions on the balance sheet, rather than sales. Second, for repurchase financing arrangements, the ASU requires separate accounting for a transfer of a financial asset executed contemporaneously with (or in contemplation of) a repurchase agreement with the same counterparty, which also will generally result in secured borrowing accounting for the repurchase agreement. The ASU also introduces new disclosures to increase transparency about the types of collateral pledged for repurchase agreements, securities lending transactions, and repurchase-to-maturity transactions that are accounted for as secured borrowings. The ASU also requires a transferor to disclose information about transactions accounted for as a sale in which the transferor retains substantially all of the exposure to the economic return on the transferred financial assets through an agreement with the transferee. The accounting changes and disclosure for certain transactions accounted for as a sale are effective for the first interim or annual period beginning after December 15, 2014. The disclosure for transactions accounted for as secured borrowings is required for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2014, and for interim periods beginning after March 15, 2015. Adoption of this ASU is not expected to have a material effect on our financial position or results of operations.

2. BUSINESS COMBINATION

We completed the merger of Firstbank Corporation (“Firstbank”), a Michigan corporation with approximately \$1.5 billion in total assets and 46 branch locations, into Mercantile Bank Corporation as of June 1, 2014 (“Merger Date”). The results of operations due to the Firstbank transaction have been included in Mercantile’s financial results since the Merger Date. All of Firstbank’s common stock was converted into the right to receive one share of Mercantile common stock for each share of Firstbank common stock. The conversion of Firstbank’s common stock into Mercantile’s common stock resulted in Mercantile issuing 8,087,272 shares of its common stock. The merger provided an expanded geographic footprint for the Company and increased the size of the balance sheet wherein the combined companies can realize economies of scale and other operating efficiencies. In conjunction with the completion of the merger, Mercantile assumed the obligations of Firstbank Capital Trust I, Firstbank Capital Trust II, Firstbank Capital Trust III and Firstbank Capital Trust IV.

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2. BUSINESS COMBINATION (Continued)

The Firstbank transaction was accounted for using the acquisition method of accounting and accordingly, assets acquired, liabilities assumed and consideration exchanged were recorded at estimated fair value on the Merger Date. Preliminary goodwill of \$50.9 million was calculated as the purchase premium after adjusting for the fair value of net assets acquired and represents the value expected from the synergies created from combining the two banking organizations as well as the economies of scale expected from combining the operations of the two companies. None of the goodwill is deductible for income tax purposes as the merger is accounted for as a tax-free exchange.

The following table provides the purchase price calculation as of the Merger Date and the identifiable assets purchased and the liabilities assumed at their estimated fair values. These fair value measurements are provisional based on third-party valuations that are currently under review and are subject to refinement for up to one year after the Merger Date based on additional information that may be obtained by us that existed as of the Merger Date.

Purchase Price:

| | |
|--|---------------|
| Mercantile common shares issued for Firstbank common shares | 8,087,272 |
| Price per share, based on Mercantile closing price on May 30, 2014 | \$21.43 |
| Value of common stock issued | 173,310,000 |
| Replacement stock options | 1,664,000 |
| Total purchase price | \$174,974,000 |

Preliminary Statement of Net Assets Acquired at Fair Value:

| | |
|---------------------------|--------------|
| Assets | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$91,806,000 |
| Securities | 358,599,000 |
| Total loans | 943,662,000 |
| Premises and equipment | 24,049,000 |
| Core deposit intangible | 17,478,000 |

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| | | |
|----------------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Mortgage servicing rights | 7,389,000 | |
| Other assets | 8,500,000 | |
| Total Assets | \$ 1,451,483,000 | |
| Liabilities | | |
| Deposits | \$ 1,229,609,000 | |
| Borrowings | 87,615,000 | |
| Other liabilities | 10,155,000 | |
| Total Liabilities | \$ 1,327,379,000 | |
| Net Identifiable Assets Acquired | | \$ 124,104,000 |
| Goodwill | | \$ 50,870,000 |

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2. BUSINESS COMBINATION (Continued)

The fair value of mortgage servicing rights was \$7.4 million at the Acquisition Date. During the month of June 2014, new servicing rights amounting to less than \$0.1 million and amortization expense of \$0.1 million were recorded.

Firstbank's results of operations prior to the Merger Date are not included in our consolidated statements of income or consolidated statements of comprehensive income. The operations of the former Firstbank organization provided approximately \$4.5 million in net interest income for the period from the Merger Date to June 30, 2014.

We recorded merger-related expenses of \$3.5 million and \$3.8 million during the three month and six month periods ended June 30, 2014, respectively. Such expenses were generally for professional services, costs related to termination of existing contractual arrangements for various services, retention and severance compensation costs, marketing and promotional expenses, travel costs, and printing and supplies costs. Virtually all of Mercantile and Firstbank's operating systems are now integrated.

The following table provides the unaudited pro forma information for the results of operations for the three and six month periods ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, as if the acquisition had occurred on January 1 of each year. These adjustments reflect the impact of certain purchase accounting fair value measurements, primarily comprised of Firstbank's loan and deposit portfolios. In addition, the \$3.8 million in merger-related expenses noted earlier are included in each period presented. We expect to achieve further operating cost savings and other business synergies as a result of the merger which are not reflected in the pro forma amounts. These unaudited pro forma results are presented for illustrative purposes only and are not intended to represent or be indicative of the actual results of operations of the combined banking organization that would have been achieved had the merger occurred at the beginning of each period presented, nor are they intended to represent or be indicative of future results of operations.

Three months ended June
30,

Six months ended June 30,

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| | 2014 | 2013 | 2014 | 2013 |
|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Net interest income | \$ 15,453,000 | \$ 11,212,000 | \$ 26,417,000 | \$ 22,566,000 |
| Noninterest expense | 17,160,000 | 13,407,000 | 26,862,000 | 22,786,000 |
| Net income | 863,000 | 900,000 | 4,186,000 | 5,043,000 |
| Net income per diluted share | 0.05 | 0.05 | 0.25 | 0.30 |

In most instances, determining the fair value of the acquired assets and assumed liabilities required us to estimate cash flows expected to result from those assets and liabilities and to discount those cash flows at appropriate rates of interest. The most significant of those determinations relates to the valuation of acquired loans. For such loans, the excess of cash flows expected at acquisition over the estimated fair value is recognized as interest income over the remaining lives of the loans. The difference between contractually required payments at acquisition and the cash flows expected to be collected at acquisition reflects the impact of estimated credit losses and other factors, such as prepayments. In accordance with the applicable accounting guidance for business combinations, there was no carry-over of Firstbank's previously established allowance for loan losses.

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2. BUSINESS COMBINATION (Continued)

The acquired loans were divided into loans with evidence of credit quality deterioration, which are accounted for under ASC 310-30 (“acquired impaired”), and loans that do not meet this criteria, which are accounted for under ASC 310-20 (“acquired non-impaired”). In addition, the loans are further categorized into different loan pools based primarily on the type and purpose of the loan.

The provisional fair value of loans at the Acquisition Date is presented in the following table:

| | Acquired Impaired | Acquired Non-Impaired | Acquired Total Loans |
|----------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Commercial Loans: | | | |
| Commercial & industrial | \$ 878,000 | \$ 163,316,000 | \$ 164,194,000 |
| Commercial real estate | 12,973,000 | 378,016,000 | 390,989,000 |
| Construction & development | 1,289,000 | 33,726,000 | 35,015,000 |
| Total Commercial Loans | \$ 15,140,000 | \$ 575,058,000 | \$ 590,198,000 |
| Consumer Loans: | | | |
| Residential mortgages | \$ 9,694,000 | \$ 216,653,000 | \$ 226,347,000 |
| Instalment | 167,000 | 61,657,000 | 61,824,000 |
| Home equity lines | 288,000 | 52,054,000 | 52,342,000 |
| Construction | 76,000 | 12,875,000 | 12,951,000 |
| Total Consumer Loans | \$ 10,225,000 | \$ 343,239,000 | \$ 353,464,000 |
| Total Loans | \$ 25,365,000 | \$ 918,297,000 | \$ 943,662,000 |

The following table presents data on acquired impaired loans at the Acquisition Date:

Acquired

Impaired

| | |
|-------------------------------|--------------|
| Contractual required payments | \$44,936,000 |
| Nonaccretable difference | 17,057,000 |
| Expected cash flows | 27,879,000 |
| Accretable yield | 2,514,000 |
| Carrying balance | \$25,365,000 |

The nonaccretable difference includes \$10.4 million in principal cash flows not expected to be collected, \$2.8 million of pre-acquisition charge-offs and \$3.9 million of future interest not expected to be collected. The unpaid principal balance of acquired performing loans was \$926.4 million at the Acquisition Date, and the unaccreted discount on such loans was \$8.1 million.

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2. BUSINESS COMBINATION (Continued)

We also assumed obligations under junior subordinated debentures with an aggregate balance of \$36.1 million and an aggregate fair value of \$21.1 million as of the Acquisition Date, payable to four unconsolidated trusts (Firstbank Capital Trust I, Firstbank Capital Trust II, Firstbank Capital Trust III, and Firstbank Capital Trust IV) that have issued trust preferred securities. The junior subordinated debentures are the sole assets of each trust. Interest rates on all trust preferred securities issued by the trusts are tied to the 90 Day Libor rate with spreads ranging from 135 basis points to 199 basis points, and reset quarterly. The trust preferred securities have maturity dates ranging from October, 2034 to July, 2037, and are callable by us in whole or in part quarterly. The junior subordinated debentures are unsecured obligations of Mercantile, who has guaranteed that interest payments on the junior subordinated debentures made to the trust will be distributed by the trust to the holders of the trust preferred securities. The trust preferred securities currently fully qualify as Tier 1 Capital, and under current risk-based capital guidelines, will remain fully qualified as Tier 1 Capital until maturity unless called by us at an earlier date.

3. SECURITIES

The amortized cost and fair value of available for sale securities and the related pre-tax gross unrealized gains and losses recognized in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) are as follows:

| | Amortized Cost | Gross Unrealized Gains | Gross Unrealized Losses | Fair Value |
|---|-------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|
| <u>June 30, 2014</u> | | | | |
| U.S. Government agency debt obligations | \$219,141,000 | \$731,000 | \$(6,166,000) | \$213,706,000 |
| Mortgage-backed securities | 107,145,000 | 1,249,000 | (222,000) | 108,172,000 |
| Municipal general obligation bonds | 139,996,000 | 894,000 | (721,000) | 140,169,000 |
| Municipal revenue bonds | 11,244,000 | 115,000 | (35,000) | 11,324,000 |
| Other Investments | 1,909,000 | 0 | (5,000) | 1,904,000 |

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December 31, 2013

| | | | | |
|---|----------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|
| U.S. Government agency debt obligations | \$ 108,279,000 | \$263,000 | \$(10,065,000) | \$98,477,000 |
| Mortgage-backed securities | 12,456,000 | 1,102,000 | 0 | 13,558,000 |
| Municipal general obligation bonds | 16,488,000 | 388,000 | (4,000) | 16,872,000 |
| Municipal revenue bonds | 878,000 | 38,000 | 0 | 916,000 |
| Mutual funds | 1,386,000 | 0 | (31,000) | 1,355,000 |
| | \$ 139,487,000 | \$1,791,000 | \$(10,100,000) | \$ 131,178,000 |

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3. SECURITIES (Continued)

Securities with unrealized losses at June 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, aggregated by investment category and length of time that individual securities have been in a continuous loss position, are as follows:

| | Less than 12 Months | | 12 Months or More | | Total | |
|---|---------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| | Fair Value | Unrealized Loss | Fair Value | Unrealized Loss | Fair Value | Unrealized Loss |
| <u>June 30, 2014</u> | | | | | | |
| U.S. Government agency debt obligations | \$90,627,000 | \$(373,000) | \$69,159,000 | \$(5,793,000) | \$159,786,000 | \$(6,166,000) |
| Mortgage-backed securities | 64,108,000 | (222,000) | 0 | 0 | 64,108,000 | (222,000) |
| Municipal general obligation bonds | 92,461,000 | (721,000) | 0 | 0 | 92,461,000 | (721,000) |
| Municipal revenue bonds | 7,775,000 | (35,000) | 0 | 0 | 7,775,000 | (35,000) |
| Other Investments | 0 | 0 | 1,395,000 | (5,000) | 1,395,000 | (5,000) |
| | \$254,971,000 | \$(1,351,000) | \$70,554,000 | \$(5,798,000) | \$325,525,000 | \$(7,149,000) |
| <u>December 31, 2013</u> | | | | | | |
| U.S. Government agency debt obligations | \$57,117,000 | \$(5,798,000) | \$29,679,000 | \$(4,267,000) | \$86,796,000 | \$(10,065,000) |
| Mortgage-backed securities | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Municipal general obligation bonds | 295,000 | (4,000) | 0 | 0 | 295,000 | (4,000) |
| Municipal revenue bonds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mutual funds | 1,355,000 | (31,000) | 0 | 0 | 1,355,000 | (31,000) |
| | \$58,767,000 | \$(5,833,000) | \$29,679,000 | \$(4,267,000) | \$88,446,000 | \$(10,100,000) |

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We evaluate securities for other-than-temporary impairment at least on a quarterly basis. Consideration is given to the length of time and the extent to which the fair value has been less than cost, the financial condition and near-term prospects of the issuer, and the intent and ability we have to retain our investment in the issuer for a period of time sufficient to allow for any anticipated recovery in fair value. For those debt securities whose fair value is less than their amortized cost basis, we also consider our intent to sell the security, whether it is more likely than not that we will be required to sell the security before recovery and if we do not expect to recover the entire amortized cost basis of the security. In analyzing an issuer's financial condition, we may consider whether the securities are issued by the federal government or its agencies, whether downgrades by bond rating agencies have occurred and the results of reviews of the issuer's financial condition.

At June 30, 2014, 452 debt securities and one mutual fund with fair values totaling \$325.5 million have unrealized losses aggregating \$7.1 million. After we considered whether the securities were issued by the federal government or its agencies and whether downgrades by bond rating agencies had occurred, we determined that unrealized losses were due to changing interest rate environments. As we do not intend to sell our debt securities before recovery of their cost basis and we believe it is more likely than not that we will not be required to sell our debt securities before recovery of the cost basis, no unrealized losses are deemed to be other-than-temporary.

The amortized cost and fair value of debt securities at June 30, 2014, by maturity, are shown in the following table. The contractual maturity is utilized for U.S. Government agency debt obligations and municipal bonds. Expected maturities may differ from contractual maturities because borrowers may have the right to call or prepay obligations with or without call or prepayment penalties. Securities not due at a single maturity date, primarily mortgage-backed securities, are shown separately. Weighted average yields are also reflected, with yields for municipal securities shown at their tax equivalent yield.

| Weighted Average Yield | Amortized Cost | Fair Value |
|------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|
|------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|

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| | | | | | |
|----------------------------|-------|----|-------------|----|-------------|
| Due in 2014 | 0.86% | \$ | 20,435,000 | \$ | 20,538,000 |
| Due in 2015 through 2019 | 1.25 | | 178,246,000 | | 182,962,000 |
| Due in 2020 through 2024 | 2.95 | | 78,336,000 | | 88,647,000 |
| Due in 2025 and beyond | 3.63 | | 89,198,000 | | 73,052,000 |
| Mortgage-backed securities | 1.73 | | 103,209,000 | | 108,172,000 |
| Other Investments | 1.55 | | 1,909,000 | | 1,904,000 |
| | 2.07% | \$ | 471,333,000 | \$ | 475,275,000 |

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Securities issued by the State of Michigan and all its political subdivisions had a combined amortized cost of \$114.8 million and \$17.4 million at June 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively, with estimated market values of \$115.2 million and \$17.8 million, respectively. Securities issued by all other states and their political subdivisions had a combined amortized cost of \$36.4 million and estimated market value of \$36.3 million at June 30, 2014. Total securities of any other specific issuer, other than the U.S. Government and its agencies and the State of Michigan and all its political subdivisions, did not exceed 10% of shareholders' equity.

The carrying value of U.S. Government agency debt obligations and mortgage-backed securities that are pledged to secure repurchase agreements was \$272.6 million and \$94.4 million at June 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively. Investments in Federal Home Loan Bank stock are restricted and may only be resold or redeemed by the issuer.

4. LOANS AND ALLOWANCE FOR LOAN LOSSES

Loans originated for investment are stated at their principal amount outstanding adjusted for partial charge-offs, the allowance, and net deferred loan fees and costs. Interest income on loans is accrued over the term of the loans primarily using the simple interest method based on the principal balance outstanding. Interest is not accrued on loans where collectability is uncertain. Accrued interest is presented separately in the consolidated balance sheet. Loan origination fees and certain direct costs incurred to extend credit are deferred and amortized over the term of the loan or loan commitment period as an adjustment to the related loan yield.

Acquired loans are those purchased in the Firstbank merger (See Note 2 – Business Combination for further information). These loans were recorded at estimated fair value at the Acquisition Date with no carryover of the related allowance. The acquired loans were segregated between those considered to be performing (“acquired non-impaired loans”) and those with evidence of credit deterioration (“acquired impaired loans”). Acquired loans are considered impaired if there is evidence of credit deterioration and if it is probable, at acquisition, all contractually required payments will not be collected. Acquired loans restructured after acquisition are not considered or reported as troubled debt restructurings if the loans evidenced credit deterioration as of the Acquisition Date and are accounted for in pools. No acquired loans were modified as troubled debt restructurings after the Acquisition Date.

The fair value estimates for acquired loans are based on expected prepayments and the amount and timing of discounted expected principal, interest and other cash flows. Credit discounts representing the principal losses expected over the life of the loan are also a component of the initial fair value. In determining the Acquisition Date fair value of acquired impaired loans, and in subsequent accounting, we have generally aggregated acquired commercial and consumer loans into pools of loans with common risk characteristics.

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The difference between the fair value of an acquired non-impaired loan and contractual amounts due at the Acquisition Date is accreted into income over the estimated life of the loan. Contractually required payments represent the total undiscounted amount of all uncollected principal and interest payments. Acquired non-impaired loans are placed on nonaccrual status and reported as nonperforming or past due using the same criteria applied to the originated loan portfolio.

The excess of an acquired impaired loan's contractually required payments over the amount of its undiscounted cash flows expected to be collected is referred to as the non-accretable difference. The non-accretable difference, which is neither accreted into income nor recorded on the consolidated balance sheet, reflects estimated future credit losses and uncollectible contractual interest expected to be incurred over the life of the acquired impaired loan. The excess cash flows expected to be collected over the carrying amount of the acquired loan is referred to as the accretable yield. This amount is accreted into interest income over the remaining life of the acquired loans or pools using the level yield method. The accretable yield is affected by changes in interest rate indices for variable rate loans, changes in prepayment speed assumptions and changes in expected principal and interest payments over the estimated lives of the acquired impaired loans.

We evaluate quarterly the remaining contractual required payments receivable and estimate cash flows expected to be collected over the life of the impaired loans. Contractually required payments receivable may increase or decrease for a variety of reasons, for example, when the contractual terms of the loan agreement are modified, when interest rates on variable rate loans change, or when principal and/or interest payments are received. Cash flows expected to be collected on acquired impaired loans are estimated by incorporating several key assumptions similar to the initial estimate of fair value. These key assumptions include probability of default, loss given default, and the amount of actual prepayments after the Acquisition Date. Prepayments affect the estimated lives of loans and could change the amount of interest income, and possibly principal, expected to be collected. In re-forecasting future estimated cash flows, credit loss expectations are adjusted as necessary. The adjustments are based, in part, on actual loss severities recognized for each loan type, as well as changes in the probability of default. For periods in which estimated cash flows are not re-forecasted, the prior reporting period's estimated cash flows are adjusted to reflect the actual cash received and credit events that transpired during the current reporting period.

Increases in expected cash flows of acquired impaired loans subsequent to the Acquisition Date are recognized prospectively through adjustments of the yield on the loans or pools over their remaining lives, while decreases in expected cash flows are recognized as impairment through a provision for loan losses and an increase in the allowance.

Our total loans at June 30, 2014 were \$2.07 billion compared to \$1.05 billion at December 31, 2013, an increase of \$1.02 billion, or 96.9%. The components of our loan portfolio disaggregated by class of loan within the loan portfolio segments at June 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, and the percentage change in loans from the end of 2013 to the end of the second quarter of 2014, are as follows:

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4. LOANS AND ALLOWANCE FOR LOAN LOSSES (Continued)

| | June 30, 2014 | | December 31, 2013 | | Percent Increase (Decrease) | |
|---|-----------------|--------|-------------------|--------|-----------------------------|---|
| | Balance | % | Balance | % | | |
| <u>Originated loans</u> | | | | | | |
| Commercial: | | | | | | |
| Commercial and industrial | \$342,375,000 | 29.9 % | \$286,373,000 | 27.2 % | 19.6 | % |
| Vacant land, land development, and residential construction | 32,214,000 | 2.8 | 36,741,000 | 3.5 | (12.3) |) |
| Real estate – owner occupied | 264,596,000 | 23.1 | 261,877,000 | 24.9 | 1.0 | |
| Real estate – non-owner occupied | 399,855,000 | 34.9 | 364,066,000 | 34.6 | 9.8 | |
| Real estate – multi-family and residential rental | 37,569,000 | 3.3 | 37,639,000 | 3.5 | (0.2) |) |
| Total commercial | 1,076,609,000 | 94.0 | 986,696,000 | 93.7 | 9.1 | |
| Retail: | | | | | | |
| Home equity and other | 35,151,000 | 3.1 | 35,080,000 | 3.3 | 0.2 | |
| 1-4 family mortgages | 33,337,000 | 2.9 | 31,467,000 | 3.0 | 5.9 | |
| Total retail | 68,488,000 | 6.0 | 66,547,000 | 6.3 | 2.9 | |
| Total originated loans | \$1,145,097,000 | 100.0% | \$1,053,243,000 | 100.0% | 8.7 | % |

| | June 30, 2014 | | December 31, 2013 | | Percent Increase (Decrease) | |
|---|---------------|--------|-------------------|----|-----------------------------|--|
| | Balance | % | Balance | % | | |
| <u>Acquired loans</u> | | | | | | |
| Commercial: | | | | | | |
| Commercial and industrial | \$273,684,000 | 29.5 % | \$0 | NA | NM | |
| Vacant land, land development, and residential construction | 21,091,000 | 2.3 | 0 | NA | NM | |
| Real estate – owner occupied | 119,818,000 | 12.9 | 0 | NA | NM | |
| Real estate – non-owner occupied | 149,434,000 | 16.1 | 0 | NA | NM | |

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| | | | | | |
|---|---------------|--------|------|----|----|
| Real estate – multi-family and residential rental | 47,099,000 | 5.1 | 0 | NA | NM |
| Total commercial | 611,126,000 | 65.8 | 0 | NA | NM |
| Retail: | | | | | |
| Home equity and other | 134,557,000 | 14.5 | 0 | NA | NM |
| 1-4 family mortgages | 182,702,000 | 19.7 | 0 | NA | NM |
| Total retail | 317,259,000 | 34.2 | 0 | NA | NM |
| Total acquired loans | \$928,385,000 | 100.0% | \$ 0 | NA | NM |

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| | June 30, 2014 | | December 31, 2013 | | Percent Increase (Decrease) | |
|---|-----------------|--------|-------------------|--------|-----------------------------|---|
| | Balance | % | Balance | % | | |
| <u>Total loans</u> | | | | | | |
| Commercial: | | | | | | |
| Commercial and industrial | \$616,059,000 | 29.7 % | \$286,373,000 | 27.2 % | 115.1 | % |
| Vacant land, land development, and residential construction | 53,305,000 | 2.6 | 36,741,000 | 3.5 | 45.1 | |
| Real estate – owner occupied | 384,414,000 | 18.5 | 261,877,000 | 24.9 | 46.8 | |
| Real estate – non-owner occupied | 549,289,000 | 26.5 | 364,066,000 | 34.6 | 50.9 | |
| Real estate – multi-family and residential rental | 84,668,000 | 4.1 | 37,639,000 | 3.5 | 124.9 | |
| Total commercial | 1,687,735,000 | 81.4 | 986,696,000 | 93.7 | 71.0 | |
| Retail: | | | | | | |
| Home equity and other | 169,708,000 | 8.2 | 35,080,000 | 3.3 | 383.8 | |
| 1-4 family mortgages | 216,039,000 | 10.4 | 31,467,000 | 3.0 | 586.6 | |
| Total retail | 385,747,000 | 18.6 | 66,547,000 | 6.3 | 479.7 | |
| Total loans | \$2,073,482,000 | 100.0% | \$1,053,243,000 | 100.0% | 96.9 | % |

The total outstanding balance and carrying value of acquired impaired loans was \$42.6 million and \$26.1 million, respectively, as of June 30, 2014. Changes in the accretable yield for acquired impaired loans for the three and six months ended June 30, 2014 were as follows:

| | |
|---|------------|
| Balance at January 1, 2014 | \$0 |
| Additions | 2,514,000 |
| Accretion | (103,000) |
| Net reclassification from nonaccretable to accretable | 0 |

| | |
|----------------|-------------|
| Disposals | 0 |
| Ending balance | \$2,411,000 |

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Nonperforming originated loans as of June 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013 were as follows:

| | June 30, 2014 | December 31, 2013 |
|--|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Loans past due 90 days or more still accruing interest | \$0 | \$0 |
| Nonaccrual loans | 5,741,000 | 6,718,000 |
| Total nonperforming originated loans | \$5,741,000 | \$6,718,000 |

The recorded principal balance of nonaccrual loans was as follows:

| | June 30, 2014 | December 31, 2013 |
|---|------------------|-------------------------|
| Commercial: | | |
| Commercial and industrial | \$824,000 | \$1,501,000 |
| Vacant land, land development, and residential construction | 235,000 | 785,000 |
| Real estate – owner occupied | 640,000 | 389,000 |
| Real estate – non-owner occupied | 129,000 | 168,000 |
| Real estate – multi-family and residential rental | 470,000 | 208,000 |
| Total commercial | 2,298,000 | 3,051,000 |
| Retail: | | |
| Home equity and other | 772,000 | 788,000 |
| 1-4 family mortgages | 2,671,000 | 2,879,000 |
| Total retail | 3,443,000 | 3,667,000 |

| | | |
|------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Total nonaccrual loans | \$5,741,000 | \$6,718,000 |
|------------------------|-------------|-------------|

Acquired impaired loans are not subject to individual evaluation for impairment and are not reported as nonperforming loans based on acquired impaired loan accounting. Acquired non-impaired loans are placed on nonaccrual status and reported as nonperforming or past due using the same criteria applied to the originated loan portfolio.

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An age analysis of past due loans is as follows as of June 30, 2014:

| | 30 – 59 Days Past Due | 60 – 89 Days Past Due | Greater Than 89 Days Past Due | Total Past Due | Current | Total Loans | Recorded Balance > 89 Days and Accruing |
|--|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--|
| <u>Originated loans</u> | | | | | | | |
| Commercial: | | | | | | | |
| Commercial and industrial | \$0 | \$ 0 | \$121,000 | \$121,000 | \$342,254,000 | \$342,375,000 | \$ 0 |
| Vacant land, land development, and residential construction | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 32,214,000 | 32,214,000 | 0 |
| Real estate – owner occupied | 35,000 | 0 | 90,000 | 125,000 | 264,471,000 | 264,596,000 | 0 |
| Real estate – non-owner occupied | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 399,855,000 | 399,855,000 | 0 |
| Real estate – multi-family and residential rental | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 37,569,000 | 37,569,000 | 0 |
| Total commercial | 35,000 | 0 | 211,000 | 246,000 | 1,076,363,000 | 1,076,609,000 | 0 |
| Retail: | | | | | | | |
| Home equity and other | 2,000 | 0 | 0 | 2,000 | 35,149,000 | 35,151,000 | 0 |
| 1-4 family mortgages | 0 | 0 | 347,000 | 347,000 | 32,990,000 | 33,337,000 | 0 |
| Total retail | 2,000 | 0 | 347,000 | 349,000 | 68,139,000 | 68,488,000 | 0 |
| Total past due loans | \$37,000 | \$ 0 | \$558,000 | \$595,000 | \$1,144,502,000 | \$1,145,097,000 | \$ 0 |

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| | 30 – 59 Days Past Due | 60 – 89 Days Past Due | Greater Than 89 Days Past Due | Total Past Due | Current | Total Loans | Recorded Balance > 89 Days and Accruing |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--|-------------------|---------------|----------------|--|
| <u>Acquired loans</u> | | | | | | | |
| Commercial: | | | | | | | |
| Commercial and industrial | \$587,000 | \$19,000 | \$1,202,000 | \$1,808,000 | \$271,876,000 | \$273,684,000 | \$ 0 |
| Vacant land, land development, and residential construction | 0 | 0 | 748,000 | 748,000 | 20,343,000 | 21,091,000 | 0 |
| Real estate – owner occupied | 363,000 | 0 | 949,000 | 1,312,000 | 118,506,000 | 119,818,000 | 0 |
| Real estate – non-owner occupied | 65,000 | 1,347,000 | 1,436,000 | 2,848,000 | 146,586,000 | 149,434,000 | 0 |
| Real estate – multi-family and residential rental | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 47,099,000 | 47,099,000 | 0 |
| Total commercial | 1,015,000 | 1,366,000 | 4,335,000 | 6,716,000 | 604,410,000 | 611,126,000 | 0 |
| Retail: | | | | | | | |
| Home equity and other | 681,000 | 142,000 | 12,000 | 835,000 | 133,722,000 | 134,557,000 | 0 |
| 1-4 family mortgages | 1,796,000 | 115,000 | 860,000 | 2,771,000 | 179,931,000 | 182,702,000 | 0 |
| Total retail | 2,477,000 | | | | | | |