

FIRST MIDWEST BANCORP INC

Form 8-K

September 12, 2003

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) September 11, 2003

First Midwest Bancorp, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	0-10967	36-3161078
(State or other jurisdiction of Incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)
300 Park Boulevard, Suite 405, Itasca, Illinois		60143
(Address of principal executive offices)		(Zip Code)
	(630) 875-7450	
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)		
N/A		
(Former name and address, if changed since last report)		

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Item 5. Other Events and Regulation FD Disclosure

On September 11, 2003, First Midwest Bancorp, Inc. issued a press release announcing the execution of a definitive agreement to acquire CoVest Bancshares, Inc. This press release, dated September 11, 2003, is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(a) and (b) not applicable

(c) Exhibit Index:

99.1 Press Release issued by First Midwest Bancorp, Inc. dated September 11, 2003.

Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure

On September 11, 2003, First Midwest Bancorp, Inc. presented details of the transaction, which is available on the Company's website, www.firstmidwest.com, and is attached as Exhibit 99.2 to this report.

The following Items are not applicable for this Form 8-K:

Item 1. Changes in Control of Registrant

Item 2. Acquisition or Disposition of Assets

Item 3. Bankruptcy or Receivership

- Item 4. Changes in Registrant's Certifying Accountant
- Item 6. Resignations of Registrant's Directors
- Item 8. Change in Fiscal Year
- Item 12. Disclosure of Results of Operations and Financial Condition

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 thereunto duly authorized.

First Midwest Bancorp, Inc.

(Registrant)

Date: September 11, 2003

/s/ STEVEN H. SHAPIRO

Steven H. Shapiro
Executive Vice President