

PEOPLES BANCORP INC
Form 8-K
April 04, 2014

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): April 4, 2014

PEOPLES BANCORP INC.
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Ohio (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) | 0-16772 (Commission File Number) | 31-0987416 (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number) |
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| 138 Putnam Street, PO Box 738 Marietta, Ohio (Address of principal executive offices) | 45750-0738 (Zip Code) |
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| Registrant's telephone number, including area code: | (740) 373-3155 |
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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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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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 Events

On April 4, 2014, Peoples Bancorp Inc. ("Peoples") announced that it has entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger dated April 4, 2014 ("Agreement") with Ohio Heritage Bancorp, Inc. ("Ohio Heritage"). The Agreement calls for Ohio Heritage to merge into Peoples, and for Ohio Heritage's wholly owned subsidiary, Ohio Heritage Bank, which operates six full-service banking locations in Ohio: two in Coshocton and one each in Newark, Mount Vernon, Heath, and New Philadelphia, to merge into Peoples' wholly owned subsidiary, Peoples Bank, National Association.

A copy of the press release announcing the event is being furnished as Exhibit 99 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

a) - c)

Not applicable

d) Exhibits

See Index to Exhibits.

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.

PEOPLES BANCORP INC.

Date: April 4, 2014

By:/s/ EDWARD G. SLOANE
Edward G. Sloane
Executive Vice President,
Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

INDEX TO EXHIBITS

| Exhibit Number | Description |
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| 99 | News Release issued by Peoples Bancorp Inc. on April 4, 2014 |