

Northwest Bancshares, Inc.
Form 8-K
November 21, 2012

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): **November 21, 2012**

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**

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

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 - 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 November 21, 2012, Northwest Bancshares, Inc. (the Registrant) issued a news release announcing the acquisition of the Bert Company. The Bert Company is an employee benefits and property and casualty insurance firm serving all of northwestern Pennsylvania from its location in Erie, PA. A copy of the news release is included as exhibit 99.1 to this report and is being furnished to the SEC and shall not be deemed filed for any purpose.

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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 November 21, 2012 |

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: November 21, 2012

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