

ESSA Bancorp, Inc.  
Form 8-K  
December 10, 2012

**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 6, 2012

**ESSA Bancorp, Inc.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

**Pennsylvania**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction)

**001-33384**  
(Commission File No.)

**20-8023072**  
(I.R.S. Employer)

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of Incorporation)

Identification No.)

**200 Palmer Street, Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**18360**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (570) 421-0531

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):

- .. 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 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure**

On December 26, 2012, the Board of Directors of ESSA Bancorp, Inc. (the Company) announced a fifth stock repurchase program pursuant to which the Company intends to repurchase up to 10% of the Company's publicly held outstanding shares of common stock. As previously announced, the Company completed its fourth stock repurchase program.

A copy of the press release announcing the stock repurchase program is attached as Exhibit 99.1. The information in the preceding paragraphs, as well as Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

- (a) Financial Statements of Businesses Acquired. Not applicable.
- (b) Pro Forma Financial Information. Not applicable.
- (c) Shell Company Transactions. Not applicable.
- (d) Exhibits.

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Press release issued by the Company on December 6, 2012 announcing its fifth stock repurchase program.

**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.

**ESSA BANCORP, INC.**

DATE: December 10, 2012

By: /s/Gary S. Olson  
Gary S. Olson, President and  
Chief Executive Officer