PROGRESSIVE CORP/OH/ Form 8-K April 21, 2006

# 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) <u>April 21, 2006</u> THE PROGRESSIVE CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Ohio 1-9518 34-0963169

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

(Commission File (IRS Employer Identification No.)

6300 Wilson Mills Road, Mayfield Village, Ohio 44143

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)
Registrant s telephone number, including area code 440-461-5000
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):

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- o 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 April 21, 2006, The Progressive Corporation issued a news release announcing a stock split, second quarter dividend, share repurchase authorization and the Annual Shareholder Meeting results. A copy of the news release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

See exhibit index on page 4.

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#### **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.

Dated: April 21, 2006

#### THE PROGRESSIVE CORPORATION

By: /s/ Jeffrey W. Basch Name: Jeffrey W. Basch

Title: Vice President and Chief Accounting

Officer

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Under Reg. Form 8-K S-K Item Exhibit

No. Description

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dividend, share repurchase authorization and the Annual Shareholder

Meeting results

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