## 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: April 18, 2000

NORTHWEST INDIANA BANCORP (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Indiana 0-26128 35-1927981

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

9204 Columbia Avenue Munster, Indiana (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

46321

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (219) 836-9690

Item 5. Other Events.

On April 18, 2000, the Registrant's Board of Directors authorized a stock repurchase program relating to the Registrant's Common Stock, which is described in the following press release which was issued on April 19, 2000:

"NORTHWEST INDIANA BANCORP COMPLETES SHARE REPURCHASE AND INITIATES REPURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL SHARES

Munster, Indiana - The NorthWest Indiana Bancorp, the holding company for Peoples Bank SB, announced today that the Bancorp had completed the repurchase of 50,000 shares or 1.8% of the outstanding common stock at an average price of \$21.40 per share. The repurchase program was begun in August, 1999.

The Bancorp also announced that the Board of Directors had authorized the repurchase of an additional 50,000 shares of common stock or 1.8% of the outstanding shares.

"The Board continues to review the Bancorp's stock as an attractive investment at the current prices," said David A. Bochnowski, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer.

Under the stock repurchase plan the NorthWest Indiana Bancorp will be able to repurchase shares of its outstanding common stock in the open market or in privately negotiated transactions at appropriate times to allow it to enhance earnings per share and manage its capital."

## 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.

NORTHWEST INDIANA BANCORP

By /S/ EDWARD J. FURTICELLA
Edward J. Furticella
Vice President,
Chief Financial Officer
and Treasurer

Date: April 19, 2000