

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report: September 16, 2004

**NORTHWEST INDIANA BANCORP**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Indiana  
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

000-26128  
(Commission File Number)

35-1927981  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

9204 Columbia Avenue  
Munster, Indiana 46321  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(219) 836-4400  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

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**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.**

On September 15, 2004, the Board of Directors of the Northwest Indiana Bancorp, the holding company for Peoples Bank SB, appointed Dr. Anthony Puntillo, D.D.S., M.S.D., to the Board of Directors to serve in a class with three other directors and to stand for election at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders in April 2006. Dr. Puntillo's appointment fills a vacancy on the board, which completes a full board of eleven directors. Dr. Puntillo will serve on the Bancorp's Asset Liability and Corporate Governance committees. A copy of the press release announcing his appointment is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this report and is incorporated herein by reference.

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SIGNATURE

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.

Date: September 16, 2004

NORTHWEST INDIANA BANCORP

By: /s/ David A. Bochnowski

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Name: David A. Bochnowski

Title: Chairman of the Board and  
Chief Executive Officer

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INDEX TO EXHIBITS

Exhibit Number	Description
99.1	Press Release Issued September 16, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
SEPTEMBER 16, 2004  
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION  
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DR. ANTHONY PUNTILLO ELECTED TO NORTHWEST INDIANA  
BANCORP BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Munster, Indiana---The board of directors for the NorthWest Indiana Bancorp, the holding company for Peoples Bank, announced the election by the board of Anthony M. Puntillo, DDS, MSD to the board of directors. Dr. Puntillo was elected to fill a vacancy on the board of the Bancorp as well as Peoples Bank.

"We are extremely pleased to welcome Dr. Puntillo to Peoples Bank," said David A. Bochnowski, Chairman and CEO of both the Bancorp and Peoples Bank. "Tony's energy, entrepreneurial business success, and proven leadership ability will enhance our community banking philosophy as well as our corporate governance process," Bochnowski noted.

Dr. Puntillo will serve on the Bancorp's Asset Liability and Corporate Governance committees. "As a resident of Porter County, Tony will also bring insight into the planned expansion of our banking centers into new trade territories," Bochnowski said.

Dr. Puntillo earned his Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Notre Dame and his Master of Science in Dentistry and Doctorate of Dental Surgery from Indiana University. He is a practicing orthodontist with offices in Merrillville, Crown Point, and Schererville, Indiana.

He has served as President of the Indiana Association of Orthodontists, President of the Northwest Indiana Dental Society, and President of Catholic Family Services of Porter County. Dr. Puntillo has also been active on the board of Catholic Charities of Northwest Indiana. He resides in Chesterton with his wife Mary Carol and their three children.