

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): February 27, 2009

**LAPORTE BANCORP, INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Federal  
(State or Other Jurisdiction)  
of Incorporation)

001-33733  
(Commission File No.)

26-1231235  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

710 Indiana Avenue, LaPorte, Indiana  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

46350  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (219) 362-7511

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 8.01 Other Events.**

LaPorte Bancorp, Inc. (the “Company”) has terminated its previously announced program to repurchase up to 55,000 shares of the Company’s common stock. Under this program, the company purchased 37,500 shares at a weighted average cost of \$5.41 per share, including commissions. The board of directors took this decision out of an abundance of caution in order to conserve capital in today's uncertain economic climate.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

- (a) Financial Statements of Businesses Acquired: None
- (b) Pro Forma Financial Information: None
- (c) Shell company transactions: None
- (d) Exhibits: None

## **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.

### **LAPORTE BANCORP, INC.**

DATE: February 27, 2009

By: /s/ Michele M. Thompson  
Michele M. Thompson  
Executive Vice President and Chief  
Financial Officer