

HAWTHORN BANCSHARES, INC.

Form 8-K

March 13, 2017

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 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): March 13, 2017

Commission File Number: 0-23636

Hawthorn Bancshares, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter.)

Missouri

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

43-1626350

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

132 East High Street, PO Box 688, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

(Address of principal executive offices)

573-761-6117

(Registrant's Telephone number)

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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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On March 13, 2017 Hawthorn Bancshares announced that Kathleen Bruegenhemke has been elected to serve on its Board of Directors.

In addition to Bruegenhemke, Hawthorn Bancshares' board of directors includes Chairman, CEO & President David T. Turner, and independent directors Frank E. Burkhead, Philip D. Freeman and Kevin L. Riley. The Company's advisory directorate is composed of Charles G. Dudenhoeffer, Jr., David R. Goller, James R. Loyd, Julius F. Wall and Gus S. Wetzel, II.

The full text of the press release is furnished as an exhibit to the report on Form 8-k.

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.

Hawthorn Bancshares, Inc.

Date: *March 13, 2017*

By: */s/ David T. Turner*

Name: David T. Turner

Title: Chairman, CEO & President

Exhibit Index

| <u>Exhibit No.</u> | <u>Description</u> |
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| EX-99.1 | Hawthorn Bancshares Announces New Board Member |