WEST BANCORPORATION INC Form 8-K April 20, 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):

April 20, 2006

West Bancorporation, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

0-49677

(Commission

File Number)

Iowa

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1601 22nd Street, West Des Moines, Iowa

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code:

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:

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42-1230603

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

50266

(Zip Code)

515-222-2300

<u>Top of the Form</u> Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On April 20, 2006, West Bancorporation, Inc. issued a press release announcing a quarterly dividend and earnings for the first quarter of 2006.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibit 99: Press Release of West Bancorporation, Inc. dated April 20, 2006.

The information contained in this filing may contain forward-looking statements about the Company's growth and acquisition strategies, new products and services, and future financial performance, including earnings and dividends per share, return on average assets, return on average equity, efficiency ratio and capital ratio. Certain statements in this filing constitute "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such forward-looking information is based upon certain underlying assumptions, risks and uncertainties. Because of the possibility of change in the underlying assumptions, actual results could differ materially from these forward-looking statements. Risks and uncertainties that may affect future results include: competitive pressures, pricing pressures on loans and deposits, actions of bank and non-bank competitors, changes in local and national economic conditions, changes in regulatory requirements, actions of the Securities and Exchange Commission and/or the Federal Reserve Board, and customer's acceptance of the Company's products and services. The Company undertakes no obligation to revise or update such statements to reflect current events or circumstances after the date hereof or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

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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.

West Bancorporation, Inc.

April 20, 2006

By: Douglas R. Gulling

Name: Douglas R. Gulling Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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Press Release of West Bancorporation, Inc. dated April 20, 2006