

CHEMICAL FINANCIAL CORP

Form 8-K

December 31, 2014

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): December 31, 2014

Chemical Financial Corporation

(Exact Name of Registrant as
Specified in its Charter)

Michigan

(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

000-08185

(Commission
File Number)

38-2022454

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

235 E. Main Street

Midland, Michigan

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

48640

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (989) 839-5350

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 8.01 Other Events.

On October 31, 2014, Chemical Financial Corporation ("Chemical") and Monarch Community Bancorp, Inc. ("Monarch") entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the "Merger Agreement"). Pursuant to the Merger Agreement, Monarch will be merged with and into Chemical, with Chemical as the surviving corporation (the "Holding Company Merger"), and Monarch Community Bank, Monarch's wholly-owned subsidiary bank, will be consolidated with and into Chemical Bank, Chemical's wholly-owned subsidiary bank, with Chemical Bank as the surviving bank (the "Bank Consolidation"). The Merger Agreement is described in more detail in Chemical's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 3, 2014. Chemical has received regulatory approval of the Merger from the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. Completion of the Holding Company Merger is subject to the approval of Monarch's shareholders and satisfaction of other customary closing conditions.

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.

Dated: December 31, 2014

CHEMICAL FINANCIAL CORPORATION
(Registrant)

/s/ Lori A. Gwizdala
Lori A. Gwizdala
Executive Vice President, Chief Financial
Officer and Treasurer