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PEOPLES BANCORP INC

Form 8-K April 21, 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): April 21, 2014

PEOPLES BANCORP INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Ohio 0-16772 31-0987416
(State or other jurisdiction (Commission File (I.R.S. Employer of incorporation) Number) Identification Number)

138 Putnam Street, PO Box 738

Marietta, Ohio 45750-0738 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area

code:

(740) 373-3155

Not applicable

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

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

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Item 8.01 Other Events

On April 21, 2014, Peoples Bancorp Inc. ("Peoples") announced that it has entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger dated April 21, 2014 ("Agreement") with North Akron Savings Bank. ("North Akron"), which operates four full-service branches in Akron, Cuyahoga Falls, Munroe Falls and Norton, Ohio. The Agreement calls for North Akron to merge into Peoples' wholly owned subsidiary, Peoples Bank, National Association.

A copy of the press release announcing the event is being furnished as Exhibit 99 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

a) - c) Not applicable

d) Exhibits
See Index to Exhibits.

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.

PEOPLES BANCORP INC.

Date: April 21, 2014 By:/s/ EDWARD G. SLOANE

Edward G. Sloane

Executive Vice President,

Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

INDEX TO EXHIBITS

Exhibit Number Description

News Release issued by Peoples Bancorp Inc. on April 21, 2014