

HAWTHORN BANCSHARES, INC.  
Form 8-K  
February 16, 2012

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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 15, 2012

**Hawthorn Bancshares, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Missouri

0-23636

431626350

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

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

300 Southwest Longview Blvd., Lee's Summit,  
Missouri

64081

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

573.761.6179

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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- 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 February 15, 2012 Hawthorn Bancshares, Inc. issued a press release announcing that its Board of Directors approved a quarterly cash dividend of 5 cents per common share, payable April 1, 2012 to shareholders of record at the close of business March 15, 2012. The full text of the press release is furnished as an exhibit to this report on Form 8-K.

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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.

Hawthorn Bancshares, Inc.

*February 15, 2012*

*By: David T. Turner*

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*Name: David T. Turner*

*Title: Chairman, CEO & President*

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<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Hawthorn Bancshares Declares Quarterly Dividend of \$0.05 per Common Share