

FIRST MIDWEST BANCORP INC

Form 8-K

December 31, 2003

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, 2003

First Midwest Bancorp, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

0-10967

36-3161078

(State or other jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

(Commission
File Number)

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

300 Park Boulevard, Suite 405, Itasca, Illinois

60143

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

(630) 875-7450

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

(Former name and address, if changed since last report)

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Item 5. Other Events and Regulation FD Disclosure

On December 31, 2003, First Midwest Bancorp, Inc. issued a press release announcing the completion of the CoVest Bancshares, Inc acquisition. This press release, dated December 31, 2003, is attached as Exhibit 99 to this report.

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 thereunto duly authorized.

First Midwest Bancorp, Inc.
(Registrant)

Date: December 31, 2003

/s/ STEVEN H. SHAPIRO
Steven H. Shapiro
Executive Vice President