

FIRST MIDWEST BANCORP INC

Form 8-K

September 12, 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) September 12, 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 September 11, 2003, First Midwest Bancorp, Inc. announced that it had entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger with CoVest Bancshares, Inc., pursuant to which CoVest will be merged with and into a subsidiary of First Midwest. A copy of the Agreement is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this report. An Affiliate Agreement, attached as Exhibit 99.2, was also signed as of that date.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(a) and (b) not applicable

(c) Exhibit Index:

99.1	Merger Agreement issued by First Midwest Bancorp, Inc. and CoVest Bancshares, Inc. dated September 11, 2003.
99.2	Affiliate Agreement issued by First Midwest Bancorp, Inc. and CoVest Bancshares, Inc. dated September 11, 2003.

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: September 12, 2003

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