Northwest Bancshares, Inc.
Form 8-K
August 10, 2011

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): August 10, 2011

Northwest Bancshares, Inc.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland	1-34582	27-0950358
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File No.)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

100 Liberty Street Warren, Pennsylvania	16365
(Address of principal executive office)	(Zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (814) 726-2140

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
o 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 August 10, 2011, Northwest Bancshares, Inc. (the "Registrant") issued a news release announcing the initiation of a stock repurchase program for up to 5% of its outstanding common stock. A copy of the news release is included as exhibit 99.1 to this report and is being furnished to the SEC and shall not be deemed "filed" for any purpose.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(a) Not applicable

(b) Not applicable

(c) Not applicable

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press release dated August 10, 2011

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.

NORTHWEST BANCSHARES, INC.

DATE: August 10, 2011

By: /s/ William W. Harvey, Jr.

William W. Harvey, Jr.
Chief Financial Officer