

JUNIATA VALLEY FINANCIAL CORP

Form 8-K

July 12, 2013

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): **July 9, 2013**

Juniata Valley Financial Corp.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Pennsylvania

(State or other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

0-13232

(Commission File Number)

232235254

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

Bridge and Main Streets, Mifflintown, Pennsylvania

(Address of principal executive offices) **17059**
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (717) 436 - 8211

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:

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 4.01 Changes in Registrant's Certifying Accountant.

On July 9, 2013, Juniata Valley Financial Corp. (the "Company"), after review and recommendation of the Company's Audit Committee, appointed BDO USA LLP ("BDO") as the Company's new independent registered public accounting firm for and with respect to the year ending December 31, 2013, and dismissed ParenteBeard LLC ("ParenteBeard") from that role. On June 27, 2013, BDO publicly announced an expansion of its financial institutions practice through the addition of 12 partners and as many as 97 employees formerly with the banking practice of ParenteBeard; the personnel that have joined BDO include the former ParenteBeard personnel assigned to the Company's account. The Company's decision to change accounting firms occurred as a result of this development..

The reports of ParenteBeard on the Company's financial statements as of and for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011 did not contain an adverse opinion or a disclaimer of an opinion, and were not qualified or modified as to uncertainty, audit scope or accounting principles.

During the Company's two most recent fiscal years and the subsequent interim period preceding ParenteBeard's dismissal, there were: (i) no disagreements with ParenteBeard on any matter of accounting principles or practices, financial statement disclosure or auditing scope or procedure, which disagreements, if not resolved to the satisfaction of ParenteBeard, would have caused it to make reference to the subject matter of the disagreements in its reports on the consolidated financial statements of the Company; and (ii) no "reportable events" (as such term is defined in Item 304(a)(1)(v) of Regulation S-K).

The Company has provided ParenteBeard with a copy of this Form 8-K prior to its filing with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") and requested ParenteBeard to furnish to the Company a letter addressed to the SEC stating that it agrees with the statements made above. A copy of ParenteBeard's letter dated July 10, 2013 is attached as Exhibit 16.1 to this Form 8-K.

During the Company's two most recently completed fiscal years and through the date of the Company's appointment of BDO, the Company did not consult with BDO regarding (i) the application of accounting principles to a specific completed or contemplated transaction, or the type of audit opinion that might be rendered on the Company's consolidated financial statements, and no written or oral advice was provided by BDO that was an important factor considered by the Company in reaching a decision as to accounting, auditing or financial reporting issues, or (ii) any matter that was either the subject of a disagreement or event, as set forth in Item 304(a)(1)(iv) or Item 304(a)(1)(v) of Regulation S-K.

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.

Juniata Valley Financial Corp.
(Registrant)

Date: July 12, 2013 By: /s/ JoAnn McMinn
Name: JoAnn McMinn
Executive Vice President and
Title: Chief Financial Officer