

FIRST BANCSHARES INC /MO/  
Form 8-K  
May 13, 2004

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): May 5, 2004

FIRST BANCSHARES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Missouri

000-22842

43-1654695

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(State or other jurisdiction

(File number)

(I.R.S. Employer

of incorporation)

Identification No.)

142 East First Street, Mountain Grove, Missouri

65711

(Address of principal executive office)

(Zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (417) 926-5151

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

Item 5. Other Events and Required FD Disclosure

On May 5, 2004, FirstBancshares, Inc. ( Company ) announced the retirement of Stephen H. Romines, Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company and its subsidiary financial institution, First Home Savings Bank ( Bank ). Mr. Romines' s retirement will be effective June 30, 2004, however, he will continue serving the Company and the Bank as a Director Emeritus. Additional information is contained in the press release issued by the Company, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99 and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits

(c) Exhibit

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News Release of First Bancshares, Inc. on May 5, 2004.

Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On May 5, 2004, First Bancshares, Inc. issued its earnings release for the quarter ended March 31, 2004. A copy of the earnings release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99, which is incorporated herein by reference.

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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.

Date: May \_\_, 2004

First Bancshares, Inc.

Stephen H. Romines

Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer

(Principal Executive Officer)

Susan J. Uchtman

Chief Financial Officer

(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)

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**Exhibit 99**

**Press Release Dated May 5, 2004**

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