

ESSA Bancorp, Inc.  
Form 8-K  
May 05, 2011

**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 4, 2011

**ESSA Bancorp, Inc.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

**Pennsylvania**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction)

of Incorporation)

**001-33384**  
(Commission

File No.)

**20-8023072**  
(I.R.S. Employer

Identification No.)

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**200 Palmer Street, Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**18360**  
(Zip Code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (570) 421-0531**

**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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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- .. 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 May 4, 2011, ESSA Bancorp, Inc. (the Company) issued a press release reporting the purchase of a benefits consulting insurance business by its wholly owned subsidiary, ESSA Bank & Trust.

A copy of the press release announcing the purchase is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

- (a) Financial Statements of Businesses Acquired. Not applicable.
- (b) Pro Forma Financial Information. Not applicable.
- (c) Shell Company Transactions. Not applicable.
- (d) Exhibits.

| Exhibit No. | Description   |
|-------------|---|
| 99.1        | Press release issued by the Company on May 4, 2011 announcing its purchase of a benefits consulting insurance business. |

**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.

**ESSA BANCORP, INC.**

DATE: May 5, 2011

By: /s/ Gary S. Olson  
Gary S. Olson, President and  
Chief Executive Officer