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FORM 10-K	
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x ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d)	OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2012	
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"TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 1: 1934	5(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF
For the transition period from to	_
Commission File Number: 1-34155	
FIRST SAVINGS FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.	
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)	
<u>Indiana</u>	<u>37-1567871</u>

(State or other jurisdiction of

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

incorporation or organization)

501 East Lewis & Clark Parkway, Clarksville, Indiana 47129

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (812) 283-0724

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class

Name of each exchange on which registered

Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share Nasdaq Stock Market, LLC

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes "No x

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act. Yes "No x

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes x No "

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes x No "

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of the registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K. x

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer or a small reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined by Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes "No x

The aggregate market value of the voting and non-voting common equity held by nonaffiliates was \$33.2 million, based upon the closing price of \$17.10 per share as quoted on the Nasdaq Stock Market as of the last business day of the registrant's most recently completed second fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2012.

The number of shares outstanding of the registrant's common stock as of December 14, 2012 was 2,317,815.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Portions of the Proxy Statement for the 2013 Annual Meeting of Stockholders are incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K.

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This annual report contains forward-looking statements that are based on assumptions and may describe future plans, strategies and expectations of First Savings Financial Group, Inc. These forward-looking statements are generally identified by use of the words "believe," "expect," "intend," "anticipate," "estimate," "project" or similar expressions. First Savings Financial Group's ability to predict results or the actual effect of future plans or strategies is inherently uncertain. Factors which could have a material adverse effect on the operations of First Savings Financial Group and its subsidiary include, but are not limited to, changes in interest rates, national and regional economic conditions, legislative and regulatory changes, monetary and fiscal policies of the U.S. government, including policies of the U.S. Treasury and the Federal Reserve Board, the quality and composition of the loan or investment portfolios, demand for loan products, deposit flows, competition, demand for financial services in First Savings Financial Group's market area, changes in real estate market values in First Savings Financial Group's market area, changes in relevant accounting principles and guidelines and inability of third party service providers to perform. Additional factors that may affect our results are discussed in Item 1A to this Annual Report on Form 10-K titled "Risk Factors" below.

These risks and uncertainties should be considered in evaluating forward-looking statements and undue reliance should not be placed on such statements. Except as required by applicable law or regulation, First Savings Financial Group does not undertake, and specifically disclaims any obligation, to release publicly the result of any revisions that may be made to any forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date of the statements or to reflect the occurrence of anticipated or unanticipated events.

Unless the context indicates otherwise, all references in this annual report to "First Savings Financial Group," "Company," "we," "us" and "our" refer to First Savings Financial Group and its subsidiaries.

PART I

Item 1. BUSINESS

General

First Savings Financial Group, Inc., an Indiana corporation, was incorporated in May 2008 to serve as the holding company for First Savings Bank, F.S.B. (the "Bank" or "First Savings Bank"), a federally-chartered savings bank. On October 6, 2008, in accordance with a Plan of Conversion adopted by its board of directors and approved by its members, the Bank converted from a mutual savings bank to a stock savings bank and became the wholly-owned subsidiary of First Savings Financial Group. In connection with the conversion, the Company issued an aggregate of 2,542,042 shares of common stock at an offering price of \$10.00 per share. In addition, in connection with the conversion, First Savings Charitable Foundation was formed, to which the Company contributed 110,000 shares of

common stock and \$100,000 in cash. The Company's common stock began trading on the Nasdaq Capital Market on October 7, 2008 under the symbol "FSFG".

First Savings Financial Group's principal business activity is the ownership of the outstanding common stock of First Savings Bank. First Savings Financial Group does not own or lease any property but instead uses the premises, equipment and other property of First Savings Bank with the payment of appropriate rental fees, as required by applicable law and regulations, under the terms of an expense allocation agreement. Accordingly, the information set forth in this annual report including the consolidated financial statements and related financial data contained herein, relates primarily to the Bank.

First Savings Bank operates as a community-oriented financial institution offering traditional financial services to consumers and businesses in its primary market area. We attract deposits from the general public and use those funds to originate primarily residential mortgage loans and, to a lesser but growing extent, commercial mortgage loans and commercial business loans. We also originate residential and commercial construction loans, multi-family loans, land and land development loans, and consumer loans. We conduct our lending and deposit activities primarily with individuals and small businesses in our primary market area.

On September 30, 2009, First Savings Bank acquired Community First Bank ("Community First"), an Indiana-chartered commercial bank. The acquisition expanded First Savings Bank's presence into Harrison, Crawford and Washington Counties in Indiana.

On July 6, 2012 First Savings Bank acquired the four Indiana branches of First Federal Savings Bank of Elizabethtown, Inc. ("First Federal"), a Kentucky-chartered commercial bank, two of which were consolidated into the existing operations of First Savings Bank immediately subsequent to the acquisition. The acquisition enhanced First Savings Bank's presence in Harrison and Floyd Counties in Indiana.

Our website address is www.fsbbank.net. Information on our website should not be considered a part of this annual report.

Market Area

We are located in South Central Indiana along the axis of Interstate 65 and Interstate 64, directly across the Ohio River from Louisville, Kentucky. We consider Clark, Floyd, Harrison, Crawford and Washington counties, Indiana, in which all of our offices are located, and the surrounding areas to be our primary market area. The current top employment sectors in these counties are the private retail, service and manufacturing industries, which are likely to continue to be supported by the projected growth in population and median household income. These counties are well-served by barge transportation, rail service, and commercial and general aviation services, including the United Parcel Service's major hub, which are located in our primary market area.

Competition

We face significant competition for the attraction of deposits and origination of loans. Our most direct competition for deposits has historically come from the several financial institutions operating in our primary market area and from other financial service companies such as securities and mortgage brokerage firms, credit unions and insurance companies. We also face competition for investors' funds from money market funds, mutual funds and other corporate and government securities. At June 30, 2012, which is the most recent date for which data is available from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, we held approximately 11.86%, 3.71%, 33.55%, 79.45% and 9.60% of the FDIC-insured deposits in Clark, Floyd, Harrison, Crawford and Washington Counties, Indiana, respectively. This data does not reflect deposits held by credit unions with which we also compete. In addition, banks owned by large national and regional holding companies and other community-based banks also operate in our primary market area. Some of these institutions are larger than us and, therefore, may have greater resources.

Our competition for loans comes primarily from financial institutions in our primary market area and from other financial service providers, such as mortgage companies, mortgage brokers and credit unions. Competition for loans also comes from non-depository financial service companies entering the mortgage market, such as insurance companies, securities companies and specialty and captive finance companies.

We expect competition to increase in the future as a result of legislative, regulatory and technological changes and the continuing trend of consolidation in the financial services industry. Technological advances, for example, have lowered barriers to entry, allowing banks to expand their geographic reach by providing services over the Internet, and made it possible for non-depository institutions to offer products and services that traditionally have been provided by banks. Changes in federal law now permit affiliation among banks, securities firms and insurance companies, which promotes a competitive environment in the financial services industry. Competition for deposits and the origination of loans could limit our growth in the future.

Lending Activities

The Bank is in the process of transforming the composition of its balance sheet from that of a traditional thrift institution to that of a commercial bank. We intend to continue to emphasize residential lending, primarily secured by owner-occupied properties, but also to continue concentrating on ways to expand our consumer/retail banking capabilities and our commercial banking services with a focus on serving small businesses and emphasizing relationship banking in our primary market area. This transformation is enhanced by the Community First acquisition and by an expanded commercial lending staff dedicated to growing commercial real estate and commercial business loans.

The largest segment of our loan portfolio is real estate mortgage loans, primarily one- to four-family residential loans, including non-owner occupied residential loans that were predominately originated before 2005, and, to a lesser but growing extent, multi-family real estate, commercial real estate and commercial business loans. We also originate residential and commercial construction loans, land and land development loans, and consumer loans. We generally originate loans for investment purposes, although, depending on the interest rate environment and our asset/liability management goals, we may sell into the secondary market the 25-year and 30-year fixed-rate residential mortgage loans that we originate. We do not offer, and have not offered, Alt-A, sub-prime or no-documentation loans and acquired no such loans in the acquisition of Community First or the First Federal branches.

One- to Four-Family Residential Loans. Our origination of residential mortgage loans enables borrowers to purchase or refinance existing homes located in Clark, Floyd, Harrison, Crawford and Washington Counties, Indiana, and the surrounding areas. A significant portion of the residential mortgage loans that we had originated before 2005 are secured by non-owner occupied properties. Loans secured by non-owner occupied properties generally carry a greater risk of loss than loans secured by owner-occupied properties, and our non-performing loan balances have increased in recent periods primarily because of delinquencies in our non-owner occupied residential loan portfolio. See "Item 1A. Risk Factors – Risks Related to Our Business – Our concentration in non-owner occupied real estate loans may expose us to increased credit risk" and "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations – Risk Management – Analysis of Nonperforming and Classified Assets." Since 2005, when we hired a new President and Chief Executive Officer, we have de-emphasized non-owner occupied residential mortgage lending and have focused, and intend to continue to focus, our residential mortgage lending primarily on originating residential mortgage loans secured by owner-occupied properties.

Our residential lending policies and procedures conform to the secondary market guidelines. We generally offer a mix of adjustable-rate mortgage loans and fixed-rate mortgage loans with terms of 10 to 30 years. Borrower demand for adjustable-rate loans compared to fixed-rate loans is a function of the level of interest rates, the expectations of changes in the level of interest rates, and the difference between the interest rates and loan fees offered for fixed-rate mortgage loans as compared to an initially discounted interest rate and loan fees for multi-year adjustable-rate mortgages. The relative amount of fixed-rate mortgage loans and adjustable-rate mortgage loans that can be originated at any time is largely determined by the demand for each in a competitive environment. The loan fees, interest rates and other provisions of mortgage loans are determined by us based on our own pricing criteria and competitive market conditions.

Interest rates and payments on our adjustable-rate mortgage loans generally adjust annually after an initial fixed period that typically ranges from one to five years. Interest rates and payments on our adjustable-rate loans generally are adjusted to a rate typically equal to a margin above the one year U.S. Treasury index. The maximum amount by which the interest rate may be increased or decreased is generally one percentage point per adjustment period and the lifetime interest rate cap is generally six percentage points over the initial interest rate of the loan. However, a portion of the adjustable-rate mortgage loan portfolio has a maximum amount by which the interest rate may be increased or decreased of two percentage points per adjustment period and a lifetime interest rate cap generally of six percentage points over the initial interest rate of the loan.

While one- to four-family residential real estate loans are normally originated with up to 30-year terms, such loans typically remain outstanding for substantially shorter periods because borrowers often prepay their loans in full either upon sale of the property pledged as security or upon refinancing the original loan. Therefore, average loan maturity is a function of, among other factors, the level of purchase and sale activity in the real estate market, prevailing interest rates and the interest rates payable on outstanding loans on a regular basis. We do not offer loans with negative amortization and generally do not offer interest-only loans.

We generally do not make conventional loans with loan-to-value ratios exceeding 80%, including that for non-owner occupied residential real estate loans whose loan-to-value ratios generally may not exceed 75%, or 65% where the borrower has more than five non-owner occupied loans outstanding. Non-owner occupied loans originated before 2005, however, were generally originated with loan-to-value ratios up to 80%. Loans with loan-to-value ratios in excess of 80% generally require private mortgage insurance. However, the total balance of residential mortgage loans secured by one-to-four family residential properties with loan-to-value ratios exceeding 90% amounted to \$9.1 million, of which some do not have private mortgage insurance or government guaranty. We generally require all properties securing mortgage loans to be appraised by a board-approved independent appraiser. We also generally require title insurance on all first mortgage loans with principal balances of \$250,000 or more. Borrowers must obtain hazard insurance, and flood insurance is required for all loans located in flood hazard areas.

At September 30, 2012, our largest one- to four-family residential loan had an outstanding balance of \$1.2 million. This loan, which was originated in April 2003 and is secured by a personal residence, was performing in accordance with its original terms at September 30, 2012.

Commercial Real Estate Loans. We offer fixed- and adjustable-rate mortgage loans secured by commercial real estate. Our commercial real estate loans are generally secured by small to moderately-sized office, retail and industrial properties located in our primary market area and are typically made to small business owners and professionals such as attorneys and accountants.

We originate fixed-rate commercial real estate loans, generally with terms up to five years and payments based on an amortization schedule of 15 to 20 years, resulting in "balloon" balances at maturity. We also offer adjustable-rate commercial real estate loans, generally with terms up to five years and with interest rates typically equal to a margin above the prime lending rate or the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR). Loans are secured by first mortgages, generally are originated with a maximum loan-to-value ratio of 80% and often require specified debt service coverage ratios depending on the characteristics of the project. Rates and other terms on such loans generally depend on our assessment of credit risk after considering such factors as the borrower's financial condition and credit history, loan-to-value ratio, debt service coverage ratio and other factors.

At September 30, 2012, our largest commercial real estate loan had an outstanding balance of \$3.2 million. This loan, which was originated in April 2012 and is secured by a manufacturing facility, was performing in accordance with its original terms at September 30, 2012.

Construction Loans. We originate construction loans for one-to four-family homes and, to a lesser extent, commercial properties such as small industrial buildings, warehouses, retail shops and office units. Construction loans are typically for a term of 12 months with monthly interest only payments. Except for speculative loans, discussed below, repayment of construction loans typically comes from the proceeds of a permanent mortgage loan for which a commitment is typically in place when the construction loan is originated. We originate construction loans to a limited group of well-established builders in our primary market area and we limit the number of projects with each builder. Interest rates on these loans are generally tied to the prime lending rate. Construction loans, other than land development loans, generally will not exceed the lesser of 80% of the appraised value or 90% of the direct costs, excluding items such as developer fees, operating deficits or other items that do not relate to the direct development of the project. Generally, commercial construction loans require the personal guarantee of the owners of the business. We also offer construction loans for the financing of pre-sold homes, which convert into permanent loans at the end of the construction period. Such loans generally have a six-month construction period with interest only payments due monthly, followed by an automatic conversion to a 15-year to 30-year permanent loan with monthly payments of principal and interest. Occasionally, a construction loan to a builder of a speculative home will be converted to a permanent loan if the builder has not secured a buyer within a limited period of time after the completion of the home. We generally disburse funds on a percentage-of-completion basis following an inspection by a third party inspector.

We also originate speculative construction loans to builders who have not identified a buyer for the completed property at the time of origination. At September 30, 2012, we had approved commitments for speculative construction loans of \$7.8 million, of which \$5.4 million was outstanding. We require a maximum loan-to-value ratio of 80% for speculative construction loans. At September 30, 2012, our largest construction loan relationship was for a commitment of \$1.1 million, of which \$1.0 million was outstanding. This relationship was performing according to its original terms at September 30, 2012.

Land and Land Development Loans. On a limited basis, we originate loans to developers for the purpose of developing vacant land in our primary market area, typically for residential subdivisions. Land development loans are generally interest-only loans for a term of 18 to 24 months. We generally require a maximum loan-to-value ratio of 75% of the appraisal market value upon completion of the project. We generally do not require any cash equity from the borrower if there is sufficient indicated equity in the collateral property. Development plats and cost verification documents are required from borrowers before approving and closing the loan. Our loan officers are required to personally visit the proposed development site and the sites of competing developments. We also originate loans to individuals secured by undeveloped land held for investment purposes. At September 30, 2012, our largest land development loan had an outstanding balance of \$1.5 million. This loan was performing in accordance with its original terms at September 30, 2012.

Multi-Family Real Estate Loans. We offer multi-family mortgage loans that are generally secured by properties in our primary market area. Multi-family loans are secured by first mortgages and generally are originated with a maximum loan-to-value ratio of 80% and generally require specified debt service coverage ratios depending on the characteristics of the project. Rates and other terms on such loans generally depend on our assessment of the credit risk after considering such factors as the borrower's financial condition and credit history, loan-to-value ratio, debt service coverage ratio and other factors. At September 30, 2012, our largest multi-family mortgage loan had an outstanding balance of \$3.2 million. This loan, which was originated in December 2010, was performing in accordance with its original terms at September 30, 2012.

Consumer Loans. Although we offer a variety of consumer loans, our consumer loan portfolio consists primarily of home equity loans, both fixed-rate amortizing term loans with terms up to 15 years and adjustable rate lines of credit with interest rates equal to a margin above the prime lending rate. Consumer loans typically have shorter maturities and higher interest rates than traditional one-to four-family lending. We typically do not make home equity loans with loan-to-value ratios exceeding 90%, including any first mortgage loan balance. We also offer auto and truck loans, personal loans and small boat loans. The procedures for underwriting consumer loans include an assessment of the applicant's payment history on other debts and ability to meet existing obligations and payments on the proposed loan. Although the applicant's creditworthiness is a primary consideration, the underwriting process also includes a comparison of the value of the collateral, if any, to the proposed loan amount. At September 30, 2012, our largest consumer loan was a home equity line of credit with a commitment of \$1.0 million, of which \$1.0 million was outstanding. This loan, which was originated in May 2009 and is secured by a second mortgage on a personal residence, was performing in accordance with its original terms at September 30, 2012.

Commercial Business Loans. We typically offer commercial business loans to small businesses located in our primary market area. Commercial business loans are generally secured by equipment and general business assets. Key loan terms and covenants vary depending on the collateral, the borrower's financial condition, credit history and other relevant factors, and personal guarantees are typically required as part of the loan commitment. At September 30, 2012, our largest commercial business loan was for a commitment of \$4.5 million, of which \$3.8 million was outstanding. This loan, which was originated in July 2008 and most recently renewed in February 2012 and is secured by contract assignments and accounts receivable, was performing in accordance with its original terms at September 30, 2012.

Loan Underwriting Risks

Adjustable-Rate Loans. While we anticipate that adjustable-rate loans will better offset the adverse effects of an increase in interest rates as compared to fixed-rate mortgages, an increased monthly mortgage payment required of adjustable-rate loan borrowers in a rising interest rate environment could cause an increase in delinquencies and defaults. The marketability of the underlying property also may be adversely affected in a high interest rate environment. In addition, although adjustable-rate mortgage loans make our asset base more responsive to changes in interest rates, the extent of this interest sensitivity is limited by the annual and lifetime interest rate adjustment limits.

Non-Owner Occupied Residential Real Estate Loans. Loans secured by rental properties represent a unique credit risk to us and, as a result, we adhere to special underwriting guidelines. Of primary concern in non-owner occupied real estate lending is the consistency of rental income of the property. Payments on loans secured by rental properties often depend on the maintenance of the property and the payment of rent by its tenants. Payments on loans secured by rental properties often depend on successful operation and management of the properties. As a result, repayment of such loans may be subject to adverse conditions in the real estate market or the economy. To monitor cash flows on rental properties, we require borrowers and loan guarantors, if any, to provide annual financial statements and we consider and review a rental income cash flow analysis of the borrower and consider the net operating income of the property, the borrower's expertise, credit history and profitability, and the value of the underlying property. We generally require collateral on these loans to be a first mortgage along with an assignment of rents and leases. Until recently, if the borrower had multiple loans for rental properties with us, the loans were not cross-collateralized. If the borrower holds loans on more than four rental properties, a loan officer or collection officer is generally required to inspect these properties annually to determine if they are being properly maintained and rented. Recently, we generally have limited these loan relationships to an aggregate total of \$500,000.

Multi-Family and Commercial Real Estate Loans. Loans secured by multi-family and commercial real estate generally have larger balances and involve a greater degree of risk than one- to four-family residential mortgage loans. Of primary concern in multi-family and commercial real estate lending is the borrower's creditworthiness and the feasibility and cash flow potential of the project. Payments on loans secured by income properties often depend on successful operation and management of the properties. As a result, repayment of such loans may be subject to adverse conditions in the real estate market or the economy. To monitor cash flows on income properties, we require borrowers and loan guarantors, if any, to provide annual financial statements on multi-family and commercial real estate loans. In addition, some loans may contain covenants regarding ongoing cash flow coverage requirements. In reaching a decision on whether to make a multi-family or commercial real estate loan, we consider and review a global cash flow analysis of the borrower and consider the net operating income of the property, the borrower's expertise, credit history and profitability, and the value of the underlying property. An environmental survey or environmental risk insurance is obtained when the possibility exists that hazardous materials may have existed on the site, or the site may have been impacted by adjoining properties that handled hazardous materials.

Construction and Land and Land Development Loans. Construction financing is generally considered to involve a higher degree of risk of loss than long-term financing on improved, occupied real estate. Risk of loss on a construction loan depends largely upon the accuracy of the initial estimate of the property's value at completion of construction and the estimated cost of construction. During the construction phase, a number of factors could result in delays and cost overruns. If the estimate of construction costs proves to be inaccurate, we may be required to advance funds beyond the amount originally committed to permit completion of the building. If the estimate of value proves to be inaccurate, we may be confronted, at or before the maturity of the loan, with a building having a value which is insufficient to assure full repayment if liquidation is required. If we are forced to foreclose on a building before or at completion due to a default, we may be unable to recover all of the unpaid balance of, and accrued interest on, the loan as well as related foreclosure and holding costs. In addition, speculative construction loans, which are loans made to home builders who, at the time of loan origination, have not yet secured an end buyer for the home under construction, typically carry higher risks than those associated with traditional construction loans. These increased risks arise because of the risk that there will be inadequate demand to ensure the sale of the property within an acceptable time. As a result, in addition to the risks associated with traditional construction loans, speculative construction loans carry the added risk that the builder will have to pay the property taxes and other carrying costs of the property until an end buyer is found. Land and land development loans have substantially similar risks to speculative construction loans.

Consumer Loans. Consumer loans may entail greater risk than do residential mortgage loans, particularly in the case of consumer loans that are secured by assets that depreciate rapidly, such as motor vehicles and boats. In such cases, repossessed collateral for a defaulted consumer loan may not provide an adequate source of repayment for the outstanding loan and a small remaining deficiency often does not warrant further substantial collection efforts against the borrower. In the case of home equity loans, real estate values may be reduced to a level that is insufficient to cover the outstanding loan balance after accounting for the first mortgage loan balance. Consumer loan collections depend on the borrower's continuing financial stability, and therefore are likely to be adversely affected by various factors, including job loss, divorce, illness or personal bankruptcy. Furthermore, the application of various federal and state laws, including federal and state bankruptcy and insolvency laws, may limit the amount that can be recovered on such loans.

Commercial Business Loans. Unlike residential mortgage loans, which generally are made on the basis of the borrower's ability to make repayment from his or her employment income or other income, and which are secured by real property whose value tends to be more easily ascertainable, commercial business loans are of higher risk and typically are made on the basis of the borrower's ability to make repayment from the cash flow of the borrower's business. As a result, the availability of funds for the repayment of commercial business loans may depend substantially on the success of the business itself. Further, any collateral securing such loans may depreciate over time, may be difficult to appraise and may fluctuate in value.

Loan Originations, Sales and Purchases. Loan originations come from a number of sources. The primary sources of loan originations are existing customers, walk-in traffic, advertising and referrals from customers. We generally sell in the secondary market long-term fixed-rate residential mortgage loans that we originate. We have increasingly sold participation interests in loans that we originated during the year ended September 30, 2012. In addition, we acquired several loans from Community First that included sold participation interests. At September 30, 2012, \$19.3 million of loans included sold participation interests of \$7.0 million, for a net position of \$12.3 million outstanding in our portfolio.

We have not historically purchased whole loans or participation interests to supplement our lending portfolio; however, we acquired four brokered whole loans during the year ended September 30, 2012. The loans were purchased at 0.90% of their principal balance and are secured by multi-family and retail shopping centers located in Indiana. At September 30, 2012, the outstanding principal balance of these loans was \$6.5 million and the Bank's carrying amount was \$5.9 million. These loans were purchased in April 2012 and were performing in accordance with their original terms at September 30, 2012.

In addition, we acquired participation interests of loans in the acquisition of Community First and also participated in a lending transaction to a local hospital along with three additional financial institutions during 2011. At September 30, 2012, we had participation interests of loans totaling \$6.2 million and our largest participation interest with a single borrower was \$2.4 million. This loan, which was originated in June 2011 and is secured by a local county hospital facility, was performing in accordance with its original terms at September 30, 2012.

We may sell participation interests in loans originated by us or purchase participation interests in loans originated by other financial institutions from time to time depending on various factors. Our decision to sell or purchase loans is based on prevailing market interest rate conditions, interest rate management, regulatory lending restrictions and liquidity needs.

Loan Approval Procedures and Authority. Our lending activities follow written, non-discriminatory underwriting standards and loan origination procedures established by our Board of Directors and management. Certain of our employees have been granted individual lending limits, which vary depending on the individual, the type of loan and whether the loan is secured or unsecured. Generally, all loan requests for lending relationships that exceed the individual officer lending limits, which is generally \$250,000 secured or \$50,000 unsecured, require committee or Board of Directors approval. Loans resulting in aggregated lending relationships in excess of \$250,000 secured and \$50,000 unsecured but less than \$1.0 million require approval by the Officer Loan Committee and loans resulting in aggregated lending relationships in excess of \$1.0 million but less than \$2.5 million require approval of the Executive Loan Committee. The Executive Loan Committee consists of the President, Area President, Chief Operations Officer, Chief of Credit Administration, Senior Lending Officer and VP of Commercial Lending and the Officer Loan Committee consists of the same but also includes certain other officers designated by the Board of Directors. Loans resulting in aggregated lending relationships in excess of \$2.5 million require approval by both the Executive Loan Committee and the Board of Directors.

Loans to One Borrower. The maximum amount that we may lend to one borrower and the borrower's related entities is limited, by regulation, to generally 15% of our stated capital and reserves. At September 30, 2012, our regulatory limit on loans to one borrower was \$10.1 million. At that date, our largest lending relationship was for a commitment of \$5.8 million, of which \$4.7 million was outstanding, and was performing according to its original terms at that date. This loan relationship is secured by commercial real estate and the borrower's personal residence.

Loan Commitments. We issue commitments for residential and commercial mortgage loans conditioned upon the occurrence of certain events. Commitments to originate mortgage loans are legally binding agreements to lend to our customers. Generally, our loan commitments expire after 30 days. See Note 19 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements beginning on page F-1 of this annual report.

Investment Activities

We have legal authority to invest in various types of liquid assets, including U.S. Treasury obligations, securities of various U.S. government agencies and sponsored enterprises and of state and municipal governments, mortgage-backed securities, collateralized mortgage obligations and certificates of deposit of federally insured institutions. Within certain regulatory limits, we also may invest a portion of our assets in other permissible securities. As a member of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis, we also are required to maintain an investment in Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis stock.

At September 30, 2012, our investment portfolio consisted primarily of U.S. government agency and sponsored enterprises securities, mortgage backed securities and collateralized mortgage obligations issued by U.S. government agencies and sponsored enterprises, municipal securities, and privately-issued collateralized mortgage obligations and asset-backed securities acquired in the acquisition of Community First. We have invested \$5.0 million in a managed brokerage account that invests in small and medium lot, investment grade municipal bonds and these securities are classified as trading account securities. The brokerage account is managed by an investment advisory firm registered with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. At September 30, 2012, trading account securities recorded at fair value totaled \$3.6 million, comprised of investment grade municipal bonds.

Our investment objectives are to provide and maintain liquidity, to establish an acceptable level of interest rate and credit risk, and to provide an alternate source of low-risk investments at a favorable return when loan demand is weak. Our Board of Directors has the overall responsibility for the investment portfolio, including approval of the investment policy. Messrs. Myers, our President and Chief Executive Officer, and Schoen, our Chief Financial Officer, are responsible for implementation of the investment policy and monitoring our investment performance. Our board of directors reviews the status of our investment portfolio on a quarterly basis, or more frequently if warranted.

Deposit Activities and Other Sources of Funds

General. Deposits, borrowings and loan and investment security repayments are the major sources of our funds for lending and other investment purposes. Scheduled loan repayments are a relatively stable source of funds, while deposit inflows and outflows, loan prepayments and investment security calls are significantly influenced by general interest rates and money market conditions.

Deposit Accounts. Deposits are attracted from within our primary market area through the offering of a broad selection of deposit instruments, including non-interest-bearing demand deposits (such as checking accounts), interest-bearing demand accounts (such as NOW and money market accounts), regular savings accounts and certificates of deposit. Deposit account terms vary according to the minimum balance required, the time periods the

funds must remain on deposit and the interest rate, among other factors. In determining the terms of our deposit accounts, we consider the rates offered by our competition, our liquidity needs, profitability to us, matching deposit and loan products and customer preferences and concerns. We generally review our deposit mix and pricing weekly. Our deposit pricing strategy has typically been to offer competitive rates on all types of deposit products, and to periodically offer special rates in order to attract deposits of a specific type or term.

Borrowings. We use advances from the Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis to supplement our investable funds. The Federal Home Loan Bank functions as a central reserve bank providing credit for member financial institutions. As a member, we are required to own capital stock in the Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis and are authorized to apply for advances on the security of such stock and certain of our mortgage loans and other assets (principally securities which are obligations of, or guaranteed by, the United States), provided certain standards related to creditworthiness have been met. Advances are made under several different programs, each having its own interest rate and range of maturities. Depending on the program, limitations on the amount of advances are based either on a fixed percentage of an institution's net worth or on the Federal Home Loan Bank's assessment of the institution's creditworthiness. We have a federal funds purchased line of credit facility with another financial institution that is subject to continued borrower eligibility and is intended to support short-term liquidity needs. We also utilize retail and broker repurchase agreements as sources of borrowings and may use brokered certificates of deposits from time to time depending on our liquidity needs and pricing of these facilities versus other funding alternatives.

Personnel

As of September 30, 2012, we had 156 full-time employees and 23 part-time employees, none of whom is represented by a collective bargaining unit. We believe our relationship with our employees is good.

Subsidiaries

The Company's sole subsidiary is the Bank. The Bank has three subsidiaries, Southern Indiana Financial Corporation and FFCC, Inc., both of which are organized as Indiana corporations, and First Savings Investments, Inc., a Nevada corporation. Southern Indiana Financial Corporation is an independent insurance agency, offering various types of annuities and life insurance policies, but is currently inactive. FFCC, Inc. participates in the development and leasing of commercial real estate. First Savings Investments, Inc. was organized on October 3, 2008 for the purpose of holding and managing an investment securities portfolio.

REGULATION AND SUPERVISION

General

First Savings Bank, as a federal savings association, is currently subject to extensive regulation, examination and supervision by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, as its primary federal regulator, and by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation as the insurer of its deposits. First Savings Bank is a member of the Federal Home Loan Bank System and its deposit accounts are insured up to applicable limits by the Deposit Insurance Fund of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. First Savings Bank must file reports with the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency concerning its activities and financial condition in addition to obtaining regulatory approvals before entering into certain transactions such as mergers with, or acquisitions of, other financial institutions. There are periodic examinations by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency to evaluate First Savings Bank's safety and soundness and compliance with various regulatory requirements. This regulatory structure is intended primarily for the protection of the insurance fund and depositors. The regulatory structure also gives the regulatory authorities extensive discretion in connection with their supervisory and enforcement activities and examination policies, including policies with respect to the classification of assets and the establishment of an adequate allowance for loan losses for regulatory purposes. Any change in such policies, whether by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or Congress, could have a material adverse impact on First Savings Financial Group and First Savings Bank and their operations.

The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010 (the "Dodd-Frank Act") made extensive changes to the regulation of First Savings Bank. Under the Dodd-Frank Act, the Office of Thrift Supervision was

eliminated and responsibility for the supervision and regulation of federal savings associations such as First Savings Bank was transferred to the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency on July 21, 2011. The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency is the agency that is primarily responsible for the regulation and supervision of national banks. Additionally, the Dodd-Frank Act created a new Consumer Financial Protection Bureau as an independent bureau of the Federal Reserve Board. The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau assumed responsibility for the implementation of the federal financial consumer protection and fair lending laws and regulations and has authority to impose new requirements. However, institutions of less than \$10 billion in assets, such as First Savings Bank, will continue to be examined for compliance with consumer protection and fair lending laws and regulations by, and be subject to the enforcement authority of, their prudential regulators.

Certain of the regulatory requirements that are or will be applicable to First Savings Bank and First Savings Financial Group are described below. This description of statutes and regulations is not intended to be a complete explanation of such statutes and regulations and their effects on First Savings Bank and First Savings Financial Group.

Federal Banking Regulation

Business Activities. The activities of federal savings banks, such as First Savings Bank, are governed by federal laws and regulations. Those laws and regulations delineate the nature and extent of the business activities in which federal savings banks may engage. In particular, certain lending authority for federal savings banks, *e.g.*, commercial, non-residential real property loans and consumer loans, is limited to a specified percentage of the institution's capital or assets.

Capital Requirements. The applicable capital regulations require savings associations to meet three minimum capital standards: a 1.5% tangible capital to total assets ratio, a 4% Tier 1 capital to total assets leverage ratio (3% for institutions receiving the highest rating on the CAMELS examination rating system) and an 8% risk-based capital ratio. In addition, the prompt corrective action standards discussed below also establish, in effect, a minimum 2% tangible capital standard, a 4% leverage ratio (3% for institutions receiving the highest rating on the CAMELS system) and, together with the risk-based capital standard itself, a 4% Tier 1 risk-based capital standard. The regulations also require that, in meeting the tangible, leverage and risk- based capital standards, institutions must generally deduct investments in and loans to subsidiaries engaged in activities as principal that are not permissible for a national bank.

The risk-based capital standard for savings associations requires the maintenance of Tier 1 (core) and total capital (which is defined as core capital and supplementary capital less certain specified deductions from total capital such as reciprocal holdings of depository institution capital instruments and equity investments) to risk-weighted assets of at least 4% and 8%, respectively. In determining the amount of risk-weighted assets, all assets, including certain off-balance sheet activities, recourse obligations, residual interests and direct credit substitutes, are multiplied by a risk-weight factor of 0% to 100%, assigned by the capital regulation based on the risks believed inherent in the type of asset. Tier 1 (core) capital is generally defined as common stockholders' equity (including retained earnings), certain noncumulative perpetual preferred stock and related surplus and minority interests in equity accounts of consolidated subsidiaries, less intangibles other than certain mortgage servicing rights and credit card relationships. The components of supplementary capital (Tier 2 capital) include cumulative preferred stock, long-term perpetual preferred stock, mandatory convertible debt securities, subordinated debt and intermediate preferred stock, the allowance for loan and lease losses limited to a maximum of 1.25% of risk-weighted assets and up to 45% of unrealized gains on available-for-sale equity securities with readily determinable fair market values. Overall, the amount of supplementary capital included as part of total capital cannot exceed 100% of core capital.

The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency also has authority to establish individual minimum capital requirements in appropriate cases upon a determination that an institution's capital level is or may become inadequate in light of the particular risks or circumstances. At September 30, 2012, First Savings Bank met each of its capital requirements.

Basel III Proposal

In the summer of 2012, our primary federal regulators, published two notices of proposed rulemaking (the "2012 Capital Proposals") that would substantially revise the risk-based capital requirements applicable to bank holding companies and depository institutions, including First Savings Financial Group and First Savings Bank, compared to the current U.S. risk-based capital rules, which are based on the international capital accords of the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (the "Basel Committee") which are generally referred to as "Basel I."

One of the 2012 Capital Proposals (the "Basel III Proposal") addresses the components of capital and other issues affecting the numerator in banking institutions' regulatory capital ratios, and would implement the Basel Committee's December 2010 framework, known as "Basel III," for strengthening international capital standards. The other proposal (the "Standardized Approach Proposal") addresses risk weights and other issues affecting the denominator in banking institutions' regulatory capital ratios, and would replace the existing Basel I-derived risk weighting approach with a more risk-sensitive approach based, in part, on the standardized approach in the Basel Committee's 2004 "Basel II" capital accords. Although the Basel III Proposal was proposed to come into effect on January 1, 2013, the federal banking agencies jointly announced on November 9, 2012 that they do not expect any of the proposed rules to become effective on that date. As proposed, the Standardized Approach Proposal would come into effect on January 1, 2015.

The federal banking agencies have not proposed rules implementing the final liquidity framework of Basel III, and have not determined to what extent they will apply to U.S. banks that are not large, internationally active banks.

It is management's belief that, as of September 30, 2012, First Savings Financial Group and First Savings Bank would meet all capital adequacy requirements under the Basel III and Standardized Approach Proposals on a fully phased-in basis if such requirements were currently effective. The regulations ultimately applicable to financial institutions may be substantially different from the Basel III final framework as published in December 2010 and the proposed rules issued in June 2012. Management will continue to monitor these and any future proposals submitted by our regulators.

Prompt Corrective Regulatory Action. The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency is required to take certain supervisory actions against undercapitalized institutions, the severity of which depends upon the institution's degree of undercapitalization. Generally, a savings association that has a ratio of total capital to risk weighted assets of less than 8%, a ratio of Tier 1 (core) capital to risk-weighted assets of less than 4% or a ratio of core capital to total assets of less than 4% (3% or less for institutions with the highest examination rating) is considered to be "undercapitalized." A savings association that has a total risk-based capital ratio of less than 6%, a Tier 1 capital ratio of less than 3% or a leverage ratio that is less than 3% is considered to be "significantly undercapitalized" and a savings association that has a tangible capital to assets ratio equal to or less than 2% is deemed to be "critically undercapitalized." Subject to a narrow exception, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency is required to appoint a receiver or conservator within specified time frames for an institution that is "critically undercapitalized." The regulation also provides that a capital restoration plan must be filed with the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency within 45 days of the date a savings association is deemed to have received notice that it is "undercapitalized," "significantly undercapitalized" or "critically undercapitalized." Compliance with the plan must be guaranteed by any parent holding company up to the lesser of 5% of the savings association's total assets when it was deemed to be undercapitalized or the amount necessary to achieve compliance with applicable capital requirements. In addition, numerous mandatory supervisory actions become immediately applicable to an undercapitalized institution, including, but not limited to, increased monitoring by regulators and restrictions on growth, capital distributions and expansion. The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency could also take any one of a number of discretionary supervisory actions, including the issuance of a capital directive and the replacement of senior executive officers and directors. Significantly and critically undercapitalized institutions are subject to additional mandatory and discretionary measures.

Insurance of Deposit Accounts. First Savings Bank's deposits are insured up to applicable limits by the Deposit Insurance Fund of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. Under the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation's existing risk-based assessment system, insured institutions are assigned to one of four risk categories based on supervisory evaluations, regulatory capital levels and certain other factors, with less risky institutions paying lower assessments. An institution's assessment rate depends upon the category to which it is assigned. Effective April 1, 2009, assessment rates ranged from seven to 77.5 basis points. On February 7, 2011, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation issued final rules, effective April 1, 2011, implementing changes to the assessment rules resulting from the Dodd-Frank Act. Initially, the base assessment rates will range from two and one half to 45 basis points. The rate schedules will automatically adjust in the future when the Deposit Insurance Fund reaches certain milestones. No institution may pay a dividend if in default of the federal deposit insurance assessment.

The FDIC imposed on all insured institutions a special emergency assessment of five basis points of total assets minus Tier 1 capital, as of September 30, 2009 (capped at ten basis points of an institution's deposit assessment base), in order to cover losses to the Deposit Insurance Fund. That special assessment was collected on September 30, 2009. The FDIC provided for similar assessments during the final two quarters of 2009, if deemed necessary. In lieu of further special assessments, however, the FDIC required insured institutions to prepay estimated quarterly risk-based assessments for the fourth quarter of 2009 through the fourth quarter of 2012. That pre-payment, which included an assumed assessment base increase of 5%, was due December 30, 2009. The pre-payment was recorded as a prepaid expense asset as of December 30, 2009. As of December 31, 2009 and each quarter thereafter, a charge to earnings is recorded for each regular assessment with an offsetting credit to the prepaid asset.

Due to difficult economic conditions, deposit insurance per account owner was recently raised to \$250,000. That change was made permanent by the Dodd-Frank Act. In addition, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation adopted an optional Temporary Liquidity Guarantee Program by which, for a fee, non-interest bearing transaction accounts would receive unlimited insurance coverage until December 31, 2010 and certain senior unsecured debt issued by institutions and their holding companies between October 13, 2008 and September 30, 2010 would be guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation through September 30, 2012, or in some cases, December 31, 2012. First Savings Bank did not opt to participate in the unlimited coverage for noninterest bearing transaction accounts or the debt guarantee program.

The Dodd-Frank Act increased the minimum target Deposit Insurance Fund ratio from 1.15% of estimated insured deposits to 1.35% of estimated insured deposits. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation must seek to achieve the 1.35% ratio by September 30, 2020. Insured institutions with assets of \$10 billion or more are supposed to fund the increase. The Dodd-Frank Act eliminated the 1.5% maximum fund ratio, instead leaving it to the discretion of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation has authority to increase insurance assessments. A significant increase in insurance premiums would likely have an adverse effect on the operating expenses and results of operations of First Savings Bank. Management cannot predict what insurance assessment rates will be in the future. Insurance of deposits may be terminated by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation upon a finding that the institution has engaged in

unsafe or unsound practices, is in an unsafe or unsound condition to continue operations or has violated any applicable law, regulation, rule, order or condition imposed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency. The management of First Savings Bank does not know of any practice, condition or violation that might lead to termination of deposit insurance.

Loans to One Borrower. Federal law provides that savings associations are generally subject to the limits on loans to one borrower applicable to national banks. Generally, subject to certain exceptions, a savings association may not make a loan or extend credit to a single or related group of borrowers in excess of 15% of its unimpaired capital and surplus. An additional amount may be lent, equal to 10% of unimpaired capital and surplus, if secured by specified readily-marketable collateral.

Qualified Thrift Lender Test. Federal law requires savings associations to meet a qualified thrift lender test. Under the test, a savings association is required to either qualify as a "domestic building and loan association" under the Internal Revenue Code or maintain at least 65% of its "portfolio assets" (total assets less: (i) specified liquid assets up to 20% of total assets; (ii) intangibles, including goodwill; and (iii) the value of property used to conduct business) in certain "qualified thrift investments" (primarily residential mortgages and related investments, including certain mortgage-backed securities but also including education, credit card and small business loans) in at least nine months out of each 12-month period.

A savings association that fails the qualified thrift lender test is subject to certain operating restrictions and the Dodd-Frank Act also specifies that failing the qualified thrift lender test is a violation of law that could result in an enforcement action and dividend limitations. As of September 30, 2012, First Savings Bank maintained 84.43% of its portfolio assets in qualified thrift investments and, therefore, met the qualified thrift lender test.

Limitation on Capital Distributions. Federal regulations impose limitations upon all capital distributions by a savings association, including cash dividends, payments to repurchase its shares and payments to shareholders of another institution in a cash-out merger. Under the regulations, an application to and the prior approval of the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency is required before any capital distribution if the institution does not meet the criteria for "expedited treatment" of applications under Office of the Comptroller of the Currency regulations (i.e., generally, examination and Community Reinvestment Act ratings in the two top categories), the total capital distributions for the calendar year exceed net income for that year plus the amount of retained net income for the preceding two years, the institution would be undercapitalized following the distribution or the distribution would otherwise be contrary to a statute, regulation or agreement with the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency. If an application is not required, the institution must still provide 30 days prior written notice to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System of the capital distribution if, like First Savings Bank, it is a subsidiary of a holding company, as well as an informational notice filing to the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, If First Savings Bank's capital ever fell below its regulatory requirements or the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency notified it that it was in need of increased supervision, its ability to make capital distributions could be restricted. In addition, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency could prohibit a proposed capital distribution by any institution, which would otherwise be permitted by the regulation, if the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency determines that such distribution would constitute an unsafe or unsound practice.

Standards for Safety and Soundness. The federal banking agencies have adopted Interagency Guidelines prescribing Standards for Safety and Soundness in various areas such as internal controls and information systems, internal audit, loan documentation and credit underwriting, interest rate exposure, asset growth and quality, earnings and compensation, fees and benefits. The guidelines set forth the safety and soundness standards that the federal banking agencies use to identify and address problems at insured depository institutions before capital becomes impaired. If the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency determines that a savings association fails to meet any standard prescribed by the guidelines, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency may require the institution to submit an acceptable plan to achieve compliance with the standard.

Community Reinvestment Act. All federal savings associations have a responsibility under the Community Reinvestment Act and related regulations to help meet the credit needs of their communities, including low- and moderate-income neighborhoods. An institution's failure to satisfactorily comply with the provisions of the Community Reinvestment Act could result in denials of regulatory applications. Responsibility for administering the Community Reinvestment Act, unlike other fair lending laws, is not being transferred to the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. First Savings Bank received a "satisfactory" Community Reinvestment Act rating in its most recently completed examination.

Transactions with Related Parties. Federal law limits First Savings Bank's authority to engage in transactions with "affiliates" (e.g., any entity that controls or is under common control with First Savings Bank, including First Savings Financial Group and their other subsidiaries). The aggregate amount of covered transactions with any individual affiliate is limited to 10% of the capital and surplus of the savings association. The aggregate amount of covered transactions with all affiliates is limited to 20% of the savings association's capital and surplus. Certain transactions with affiliates are required to be secured by collateral in an amount and of a type specified by federal law. The purchase of low quality assets from affiliates is generally prohibited. Transactions with affiliates must generally be on terms and under circumstances that are at least as favorable to the institution as those prevailing at the time for comparable transactions with non-affiliated companies. In addition, savings associations are prohibited from lending to any affiliate that is engaged in activities that are not permissible for bank holding companies and no savings association may purchase the securities of any affiliate other than a subsidiary.

The Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 generally prohibits loans by First Savings Financial Group to its executive officers and directors. However, the law contains a specific exception for loans by a depository institution to its executive officers and directors in compliance with federal banking laws. Under such laws, First Savings Bank's authority to extend credit to executive officers, directors and 10% shareholders ("insiders"), as well as entities such persons control, is limited. The laws limit both the individual and aggregate amount of loans that First Savings Bank may make to insiders based, in part, on First Savings Bank's capital level and requires that certain board approval procedures be followed. Such loans are required to be made on terms substantially the same as those offered to unaffiliated individuals and not involve more than the normal risk of repayment. There is an exception for loans made pursuant to a benefit or compensation program that is widely available to all employees of the institution and does not give preference to insiders over other employees. Loans to executive officers are subject to additional limitations based on the type of loan involved.

Enforcement. The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency currently has primary enforcement responsibility over savings associations and has authority to bring actions against the institution and all institution-affiliated parties, including shareholders, and any attorneys, appraisers and accountants who knowingly or recklessly participate in wrongful actions likely to have an adverse effect on an insured institution. Formal enforcement action may range from the issuance of a capital directive or cease and desist order to removal of officers and/or directors to institution of receivership, conservatorship or termination of deposit insurance. Civil penalties cover a wide range of violations and can amount to \$25,000 per day, or even \$1 million per day in especially egregious cases. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation has the authority to recommend to the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency that enforcement action be taken with respect to a particular savings association. If action is not taken by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation has authority to take such action under certain circumstances. Federal law also establishes criminal penalties for certain violations.

Assessments. Savings associations are required to pay assessments to the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency to fund the agency's operations. The Comptroller of the Currency assessments paid by First Savings Bank for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2012 totaled \$140,266.

Federal Home Loan Bank System. First Savings Bank is a member of the Federal Home Loan Bank System, which consists of 12 regional Federal Home Loan Banks. The Federal Home Loan Bank provides a central credit facility primarily for member institutions. First Savings Bank, as a member of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis, is required to acquire and hold shares of capital stock in that Federal Home Loan Bank. First Savings Bank was in compliance with this requirement with an investment in Federal Home Loan Bank stock at September 30, 2012 of \$5.4 million.

Federal Reserve Board System. The Federal Reserve Board regulations require savings associations to maintain non-interest earning reserves against their transaction accounts (primarily Negotiable Order of Withdrawal (NOW) and regular checking accounts). The regulations generally provide that reserves be maintained against aggregate transaction accounts as follows: a 3% reserve ratio is assessed on net transaction accounts up to and including \$71.0 million; a 10% reserve ratio is applied above \$71.0 million. The first \$11.5 million of otherwise reservable

balances (subject to adjustments by the Federal Reserve Board) are exempted from the reserve requirements. The amounts are adjusted annually and, for 2012, require a 3% ratio for up to \$71.0 million and an exemption of \$11.5 million. First Savings Bank complies with the foregoing requirements. In October 2008, the Federal Reserve Board began paying interest on certain reserve balances.

Other Regulations

First Savings Bank's operations are also subject to federal laws applicable to credit transactions, including the:

• Truth-In-Lending Act, governing disclosures of credit terms to consumer borrowers; Home Mortgage Disclosure Act of 1975, requiring financial institutions to provide information to enable the public and public officials to determine whether a financial institution is fulfilling its obligation to help meet the housing needs of the community it serves;

Equal Credit Opportunity Act, prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, creed or other prohibited factors in extending credit;

• Fair Credit Reporting Act of 1978, governing the use and provision of information to credit reporting agencies; Fair Debt Collection Act, governing the manner in which consumer debts may be collected by collection agencies; and

rules and regulations of the various federal agencies charged with the responsibility of implementing such federal laws.

The operations of First Savings Bank also are subject to laws such as the:

Right to Financial Privacy Act, which imposes a duty to maintain confidentiality of consumer financial records and prescribes procedures for complying with administrative subpoenas of financial records;

Electronic Funds Transfer Act and Regulation E promulgated thereunder, which govern automatic deposits to and withdrawals from deposit accounts and customers' rights and liabilities arising from the use of automated teller machines and other electronic banking services; and

Check Clearing for the 21st Century Act (also known as "Check 21"), which gives "substitute checks," such as digital check images and copies made from that image, the same legal standing as the original paper check.

Holding Company Regulation

General. As a savings and loan holding company, First Savings Financial Group is subject to Federal Reserve Board regulations, examinations, supervision, reporting requirements and regulations regarding its activities. In addition, the Federal Reserve Board has enforcement authority over First Savings Financial Group and its non-savings institution subsidiaries. Among other things, this authority permits the Federal Reserve Board to restrict or prohibit activities that are determined to be a serious risk to First Savings Bank.

Pursuant to federal law and regulations and policy, a savings and loan holding company such as First Savings Financial Group may generally engage in the activities permitted for financial holding companies under Section 4(k) of the Bank Holding Company Act and certain other activities that have been authorized for savings and loan holding companies by regulation.

Federal law prohibits a savings and loan holding company from, directly or indirectly or through one or more subsidiaries, acquiring more than 5% of the voting stock of another savings association, or savings and loan holding company thereof, without prior written approval of the Federal Reserve Board or from acquiring or retaining, with certain exceptions, more than 5% of a non-subsidiary holding company or savings association. A savings and loan holding company is also prohibited from acquiring more than 5% of a company engaged in activities other than those authorized by federal law or acquiring or retaining control of a depository institution that is not insured by the FDIC. In evaluating applications by holding companies to acquire savings associations, the Federal Reserve Board must consider the financial and managerial resources and future prospects of the company and institution involved, the effect of the acquisition on the risk to the insurance funds, the convenience and needs of the community and competitive factors.

The Federal Reserve Board is prohibited from approving any acquisition that would result in a multiple savings and loan holding company controlling savings associations in more than one state, except: (i) the approval of interstate supervisory acquisitions by savings and loan holding companies; and (ii) the acquisition of a savings association in another state if the laws of the state of the target savings association specifically permit such acquisitions. The states vary in the extent to which they permit interstate savings and loan holding company acquisitions.

Capital. Savings and loan holding companies are not currently subject to specific regulatory capital requirements. The Dodd-Frank Act, however, requires the Federal Reserve Board to promulgate consolidated capital requirements for depository institution holding companies that are no less stringent, both quantitatively and in terms of components of capital, than those applicable to institutions themselves. That will eliminate the inclusion of certain instruments, such as trust preferred securities, from tier 1 capital. Instruments issued prior to May 19, 2010 will be grandfathered for companies with consolidated assets of \$15 billion or less. There is a five year transition period from the July 21, 2010 date of enactment of the Dodd-Frank Act before the capital requirements will apply to savings and loan holding companies.

Source of Strength. The Dodd-Frank Act also extends the "source of strength" doctrine to savings and loan holding companies. The regulatory agencies must promulgate regulations implementing the "source of strength" policy that holding companies act as a source of strength to their subsidiary depository institutions by providing capital, liquidity and other support in times of financial stress.

Federal savings banks must notify the Federal Reserve Board prior to paying a dividend to First Savings Financial Group. The Federal Reserve Board may disapprove a dividend if, among other things, the Federal Reserve Board determines that the federal savings bank would be undercapitalized on a pro forma basis or the dividend is determined to raise safety or soundness concerns.

Acquisition of First Savings Financial Group. Under the Federal Change in Bank Control Act, a notice must be submitted to the Federal Reserve Board if any person (including a company), or group acting in concert, seeks to acquire direct or indirect "control" of a savings and loan holding company or savings association. Under certain circumstances, a change of control may occur, and prior notice is required, upon the acquisition of 10% or more of the outstanding voting stock of the company or institution, unless the Federal Reserve Board has found that the acquisition will not result in a change of control of First Savings Financial Group. Under the Change in Control Act, the Federal Reserve Board generally has 60 days from the filing of a complete notice to act, taking into consideration certain factors, including the financial and managerial resources of the acquirer and the anti-trust effects of the acquisition. Any company that acquires control would then be subject to regulation as a savings and loan holding company.

Federal Securities Laws

First Savings Financial Group's common stock is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. First Savings Financial Group is subject to the information, proxy solicitation, insider trading restrictions and other requirements under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

INCOME TAXATION

Federal Taxation

General. We report our income on a fiscal year basis using the accrual method of accounting. The federal income tax laws apply to us in the same manner as to other corporations with some exceptions, including particularly our reserve for bad debts discussed below. The following discussion of tax matters is intended only as a summary and does not purport to be a comprehensive description of the tax rules applicable to us. For its 2012 fiscal year, First Savings Bank's maximum federal income tax rate was 34%.

First Savings Financial Group and First Savings Bank have entered into a tax allocation agreement. Because First Savings Financial Group owns 100% of the issued and outstanding capital stock of First Savings Bank, First Savings Financial Group and First Savings Bank are members of an affiliated group within the meaning of Section 1504(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, of which group First Savings Financial Group is the common parent corporation. As a result of this affiliation, First Savings Bank may be included in the filing of a consolidated federal income tax return with First Savings Financial Group and, if a decision to file a consolidated tax return is made, the parties agree to compensate each other for their individual share of the consolidated tax liability and/or any tax benefits provided by them in the filing of the consolidated federal income tax return.

Our Federal income tax returns have not been audited during the last five years.

Bad Debt Reserves. For fiscal years beginning before June 30, 1996, thrift institutions that qualified under certain definitional tests and other conditions of the Internal Revenue Code were permitted to use certain favorable provisions to calculate their deductions from taxable income for annual additions to their bad debt reserve. A reserve could be established for bad debts on qualifying real property loans, generally secured by interests in real property improved or to be improved, under the percentage of taxable income method or the experience method. The reserve for nonqualifying loans was computed using the experience method. Federal legislation enacted in 1996 repealed the reserve method of accounting for bad debts and the percentage of taxable income method for tax years beginning after 1995 and required savings institutions to recapture or take into income certain portions of their accumulated bad debt reserves. Approximately \$4.6 million of our accumulated bad debt reserves would not be recaptured into taxable income unless First Savings Bank makes a "non-dividend distribution" to First Savings Financial Group as described below.

Distributions. If First Savings Bank makes "non-dividend distributions" to First Savings Financial Group, the distributions will be considered to have been made from First Savings Bank's unrecaptured tax bad debt reserves, including the balance of its reserves as of December 31, 1987, to the extent of the "non-dividend distributions," and then from First Savings Bank's supplemental reserve for losses on loans, to the extent of those reserves, and an amount based on the amount distributed, but not more than the amount of those reserves, will be included in First Savings Bank's taxable income. Non-dividend distributions include distributions in excess of First Savings Bank's current and accumulated earnings and profits, as calculated for federal income tax purposes, distributions in redemption of stock, and distributions in partial or complete liquidation. Dividends paid out of First Savings Bank's current or accumulated earnings and profits will not be so included in First Savings Bank's taxable income.

The amount of additional taxable income triggered by a non-dividend distribution is an amount that, when reduced by the tax attributable to the income, is equal to the amount of the distribution. Therefore, if First Savings Bank makes a non-dividend distribution to First Savings Financial Group, approximately one and one-half times the amount of the distribution not in excess of the amount of the reserves would be includable in income for federal income tax purposes, assuming a 34% federal corporate income tax rate. First Savings Bank does not intend to pay dividends that would result in a recapture of any portion of its bad debt reserves.

State Taxation

Indiana. Indiana imposes an 8.5% franchise tax based on a financial institution's adjusted gross income as defined by statute. In computing adjusted gross income, deductions for municipal interest, U.S. Government interest, the bad debt deduction computed using the reserve method and pre-1990 net operating losses are disallowed.

Our state income tax returns have not been audited during the last five years.

Item 1A. RISK FACTORS

Our concentration in non-owner occupied residential real estate loans may expose us to increased credit risk.

At September 30, 2012, \$39.0 million, or 20.4% of our residential mortgage loan portfolio and 9.8% of our total loan portfolio, consisted of loans secured by non-owner occupied residential properties. Loans secured by non-owner occupied properties generally expose a lender to greater risk of non-payment and loss than loans secured by owner occupied properties because repayment of such loans depend primarily on the tenant's continuing ability to pay rent to the property owner, who is our borrower, or, if the property owner is unable to find a tenant, the property owner's ability to repay the loan without the benefit of a rental income stream. In addition, the physical condition of non-owner occupied properties is often below that of owner occupied properties due to lax property maintenance standards, which has a negative impact on the value of the collateral properties. Furthermore, some of our non-owner occupied residential loan borrowers have more than one loan outstanding with us. At September 30, 2012, we had 13 non-owner occupied residential loan relationships, each having an outstanding balance over \$500,000, with aggregate outstanding balances of \$12.9 million. Consequently, an adverse development with respect to one credit relationship may expose us to a greater risk of loss compared to an adverse development with respect to an owner occupied residential mortgage loan. At September 30, 2012, non-performing non-owner occupied residential loans amounted to \$1.9 million. Non-owner occupied residential properties held as real estate owned amounted to \$283,000 at September 30, 2012. For more information about the credit risk we face, see "Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations — Risk Management."

Our recent emphasis on commercial real estate lending and commercial business lending may expose us to increased lending risks.

At September 30, 2012, \$126.5 million, or 31.6%, of our loan portfolio consisted of commercial real estate loans and commercial business loans. Subject to market conditions, we intend to increase our origination of these loans. Commercial real estate loans generally expose a lender to greater risk of non-payment and loss than one- to four-family residential mortgage loans because repayment of the loans often depends on the successful operation of the property and the income stream of the borrowers. Commercial real estate loans also typically involve larger loan balances to single borrowers or groups of related borrowers both at origination and at maturity because many of our commercial real estate loans are not fully-amortizing, but result in "balloon" balances at maturity. Commercial business loans expose us to additional risks since they typically are made on the basis of the borrower's ability to make repayments from the cash flow of the borrower's business and are secured by non-real estate collateral that may depreciate over time. In addition, some of our commercial borrowers have more than one loan outstanding with us. Consequently, an adverse development with respect to one loan or one credit relationship may expose us to a greater risk of loss compared to an adverse development with respect to a one- to four-family residential mortgage loan. At September 30, 2012, non-performing commercial business loans and non-performing commercial real estate loans totaled \$164,000 and \$902,000, respectively. For more information about the credit risk we face, see "Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations — Risk Management."

Our unseasoned commercial real estate loan and commercial business loan portfolios may expose us to increased lending risks.

A significant amount of our commercial real estate loans and commercial business loans are unseasoned, meaning that they were originated recently. Our limited experience with these loans does not provide us with a significant payment history pattern with which to judge future collectability. Furthermore, these loans have not been subjected to unfavorable economic conditions. As a result, it may be difficult to predict the future performance of this part of our loan portfolio. These loans may have delinquency or charge-off levels above our expectations, which could adversely affect our future performance.

Our construction loan and land and land development loan portfolios may expose us to increased credit risk.

At September 30, 2012, \$28.3 million, or 7.1% of our loan portfolio consisted of construction loans, and land and land development loans, and \$7.8 million, or 48.4% of the construction loan portfolio, consisted of speculative construction loans at that date. While recently the demand for construction loans has declined due to the decline in the housing market and tighter lending standards, historically, construction loans, including speculative construction loans, have been a material part of our loan portfolio. Speculative construction loans are loans made to builders who have not identified a buyer for the completed property at the time of loan origination. Subject to market conditions, we intend to continue to emphasize the origination of construction loans and land and land development loans. These loan types

generally expose a lender to greater risk of nonpayment and loss than residential mortgage loans because the repayment of such loans often depends on the successful operation or sale of the property and the income stream of the borrowers and such loans typically involve larger balances to a single borrower or groups of related borrowers. In addition, many borrowers of these types of loans have more than one loan outstanding with us so an adverse development with respect to one loan or credit relationship can expose us to significantly greater risk of non-payment and loss. Furthermore, we may need to increase our allowance for loan losses through future charges to income as the portfolio of these types of loans grows, which would hurt our earnings. For more information about the credit risk we face, see "Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations — Risk Management."

If an other-than-temporary-impairment is recorded in connection with our investment portfolio it could have a negative impact on our profitability.

Our investment portfolio consists primarily of U.S. government agency and sponsored enterprises securities, mortgage backed securities and collateralized mortgage obligations issued by U.S. government agencies and sponsored enterprises, municipal bonds, and privately-issued collateralized mortgage obligations and asset-backed securities. We must evaluate these securities for other-than-temporary impairment loss ("OTTI") on a periodic basis. The privately-issued collateralized mortgage obligations and asset-backed securities exhibit signs of weakness, which may necessitate an OTTI charge in the future should the financial condition of the pools deteriorate further. Also, given the current economic environment and possible further deterioration in economic conditions, we may need to record an OTTI charge for our other investments should the issuers of those securities experience financial difficulties. Any future OTTI charges could significantly impact our earnings.

The current economic environment poses significant challenges for the Company and could adversely affect the Company's financial condition and results of operations.

The Company is currently operating in a challenging and uncertain economic environment, both nationally and in the local markets. Financial institutions continue to be affected by sharp declines in financial and real estate values. Continued declines in real estate values and home sales, and an increase in the financial stress on borrowers stemming from an uncertain economic environment, including rising unemployment, could have an adverse effect on the Bank's borrowers or their customers, which could adversely impact the repayment of its loan portfolio. The overall deterioration in economic conditions also could subject the Company to increased regulatory scrutiny. In addition, a further deterioration in local economic conditions, could result in increases in loan delinquencies and problem assets and foreclosures and a decline in the value of the collateral securing loans in the Bank's portfolio. Also, a further deterioration in local economic conditions could drive the level of loan losses beyond the level the Company has provided for loan loss allowance, which could necessitate an increase in the Company's provision for loan losses, which would reduce earnings. Additionally, the demand for the Company's products and services could be reduced, which would adversely impact the Company's liquidity and revenues.

Changing interest rates may hurt our earnings and asset value.

Our net interest income is the interest we earn on loans and investments less the interest we pay on our deposits and borrowings. Our net interest margin is the difference between the yield we earn on our assets and the interest rate we pay for deposits and our other sources of funding. Changes in interest rates—up or down—could adversely affect our net interest margin and, as a result, our net interest income. Although the yield we earn on our assets and our funding costs tend to move in the same direction in response to changes in interest rates, one can rise or fall faster than the other, causing our net interest margin to expand or contract. Our liabilities tend to be shorter in duration than our assets, so they may adjust faster in response to changes in interest rates. As a result, when interest rates rise, our

funding costs may rise faster than the yield we earn on our assets, causing our net interest margin to contract until the yield catches up. Changes in the slope of the "yield curve"—or the spread between short-term and long-term interest rates—could also reduce our net interest margin. Normally, the yield curve is upward sloping, meaning short-term rates are lower than long-term rates. Because our liabilities tend to be shorter in duration than our assets, when the yield curve flattens or even inverts, we could experience pressure on our net interest margin as our cost of funds increases relative to the yield we can earn on our assets. Also, interest rate decreases can lead to increased prepayments of loans and mortgage-backed securities as borrowers refinance their loans to reduce borrowing costs. Under these circumstances, we are subject to reinvestment risk as we may have to redeploy such repayment proceeds into lower yielding investments, which would likely hurt our income. At September 30, 2012, approximately \$242.1 million, or 61.5% of the total loan portfolio, consisted of fixed-rate mortgage loans. This investment in fixed-rate mortgage loans exposes the Company to increased levels of interest rate risk.

Changes in interest rates also affect the value of our interest-earning assets, and in particular our securities portfolio. Generally, the value of fixed-rate securities fluctuates inversely with changes in interest rates. Unrealized gains and losses on securities available for sale are reported as a separate component of equity, net of tax. Decreases in the fair value of securities available for sale resulting from increases in interest rates could have an adverse effect on stockholders' equity. For further discussion of how changes in interest rates could impact us, see "Item 7.

Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations —Risk Management — Interest Rate Risk Management."

If the goodwill that we recorded in connection with a business acquisition becomes impaired, it could have a negative impact on our profitability.

Goodwill represents the amount of acquisition cost over the fair value of net assets we acquired in the purchase of another financial institution. We review goodwill for impairment at least annually, or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying value of the asset might be impaired. We determine impairment by comparing the implied fair value of the reporting unit goodwill with the carrying amount of that goodwill. If the carrying amount of the reporting unit goodwill exceeds the implied fair value of that goodwill, an impairment loss is recognized in an amount equal to that excess. Any such adjustments are reflected in our results of operations in the periods in which they become known. At September 30, 2012, our goodwill totaled \$7.9 million. While we have recorded no such impairment charges since we initially recorded the goodwill, there can be no assurance that our future evaluations of goodwill will not result in findings of impairment and related write-downs, which may have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

Recently enacted regulatory reform may have a material impact on our operations.

On July 21, 2010, the President signed into law the Dodd-Frank Act. The Dodd-Frank Act restructures the regulation of depository institutions, Under the Dodd-Frank Act, the Office of Thrift Supervision, which formerly regulated the Bank, was merged into the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency. Savings and loan holding companies, including First Savings Financial Group, are now regulated by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve Board System. Also included is the creation of a new federal agency to administer consumer protection and fair lending laws, a function that was formerly performed by the depository institution regulators. The federal preemption of state laws that was formerly accorded federally chartered depository institutions has been reduced as well and State Attorneys General now have greater authority to bring a suit against a federally chartered institution, such as First Savings Bank, for violations of certain state and federal consumer protection laws. The Dodd-Frank Act also imposes consolidated capital requirements on savings and loan holding companies effective in five years, which will limit our ability to borrow at the holding company and invest the proceeds from such borrowings as capital in First Savings Bank that could be leveraged to support additional growth. The Dodd-Frank Act contains various other provisions designed to enhance the regulation of depository institutions and prevent the recurrence of a financial crisis such as occurred in 2008-2009. The full impact of the Dodd-Frank Act on our business and operations will not be known for years until regulations implementing the statute are written and adopted. The Dodd-Frank Act may have a material impact on our operations, particularly through increased regulatory burden and compliance costs.

In addition to the enactment of the Dodd-Frank Act, the federal regulatory agencies recently have begun to take stronger supervisory actions against financial institutions that have experienced increased loan losses and other weaknesses as a result of the current economic crisis. The actions include the entering into of written agreements and cease and desist orders that place certain limitations on their operations. Federal bank regulators recently have also been using with more frequency their ability to impose individual minimal capital requirements on banks, which requirements may be higher than those imposed under the Dodd-Frank Act or which would otherwise qualify the bank as being "well capitalized" under the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency's prompt corrective action regulations. If

we were to become subject to a supervisory agreement or higher individual capital requirements, such action may have a negative impact on our ability to execute our business plans, as well as our ability to grow, pay dividends or engage in mergers and acquisitions and may result in restrictions in our operations.

Increased and/or special FDIC assessments will hurt our earnings.

The recent economic recession has caused a high level of bank failures, which has dramatically increased FDIC resolution costs and led to a significant reduction in the balance of the Deposit Insurance Fund. As a result, the FDIC has significantly increased the initial base assessment rates paid by financial institutions for deposit insurance. Increases in the base assessment rate have increased our deposit insurance costs and negatively impacted our earnings. In addition, in May 2009, the FDIC imposed a special assessment on all insured institutions. Our special assessment, which was reflected in earnings for the quarter ended June 30, 2009, was \$217,000. In lieu of imposing an additional special assessment, the FDIC required all institutions to prepay their assessments for all of 2010, 2011 and 2012, which for us totaled \$2.1 million. Additional increases in the base assessment rate or additional special assessments would negatively impact our earnings.

Strong competition within our primary market area could hurt our profits and slow growth.

We face intense competition both in making loans and attracting deposits. This competition has made it more difficult for us to make new loans and attract deposits. Price competition for loans and deposits might result in us earning less on our loans and paying more on our deposits, which would reduce net interest income. Competition also makes it more difficult to grow loans and deposits. At June 30, 2012, which is the most recent date for which data is available from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, we held approximately 11.86%, 3.71%, 33.55%, 79.45% and 9.60% of the FDIC-insured deposits in Clark, Floyd, Harrison, Crawford and Washington Counties, Indiana, respectively. Some of the institutions with which we compete have substantially greater resources and lending limits than we have and may offer services that we do not provide. We expect competition to increase in the future as a result of legislative, regulatory and technological changes and the continuing trend of consolidation in the financial services industry. Our profitability depends upon our continued ability to compete successfully in our primary market area. See "Item 1. Business — Market Area" and "Item 1. Business — Competition" for more information about our primary market area and the competition we face.

We operate in a highly regulated environment and we may be adversely affected by changes in laws and regulations.

We are subject to extensive regulation, supervision and examination by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, our chartering authority, and by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, as insurer of our deposits. First Savings Financial Group is also subject to regulation and supervision by the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis. Such regulation and supervision governs the activities in which an institution and its holding company may engage, and are intended primarily for the protection of the insurance fund and the depositors and borrowers of First Savings Bank rather than for holders of First Savings Financial Group common stock. Regulatory authorities have extensive discretion in their supervisory and enforcement activities, including the imposition of restrictions on our operations, the classification of our assets and determination of the level of our allowance for loan losses. If our regulators require us to charge-off loans or increase our allowance for loan losses, our earnings would suffer. Any change in such regulation and oversight, whether in the form of regulatory policy, regulations, legislation or supervisory action, may have a material impact on our operations. For a further discussion, see "Item 1. Business – Regulation and Supervision."

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Item 2. PROPERTIES

We conduct our business through our main office and branch offices. The following table sets forth certain information relating to these facilities as of September 30, 2012.

	Year	Owned/
Location	Opened	Leased
Main Office:		
Clarksville Main Office 501 East Lewis & Clark Parkway Clarksville, Indiana	1968	Owned
Branch Offices:		
Jeffersonville - Allison Lane Office 2213 Allison Lane Jeffersonville, Indiana	1975	Owned
Charlestown Office 1100 Market Street Charlestown, Indiana	1993	Owned
Floyd Knobs Office 3711 Paoli Pike Floyd Knobs, Indiana	1999	Owned
Georgetown Office 1000 Copperfield Drive Georgetown, Indiana	2003	Owned
Jeffersonville - Court Avenue Office 202 East Court Avenue Jeffersonville, Indiana	1986	Owned
Sellersburg Office 125 Hunter Station Way Sellersburg, Indiana	1995	Owned
Corydon Office 900 Hwy 62 NW Corydon, Indiana	1996	Owned

Salem Office 1336 S Jackson Street Salem, Indiana	1995	Owned
English Office 200 Indiana Avenue English, Indiana	1925	Owned
Marengo Office 125 W Old Short Street Marengo, Indiana	1984	Owned
Leavenworth Office 510 Hwy 62 Leavenworth, Indiana	1969	Owned
Lanesville Office 7340 Main Street NE Lanesville, Indiana	1948	Owned
Elizabeth Office 8160 Beech Street SE Elizabeth, Indiana	1975	Owned

The Bank owns two former branch office locations that have been closed and consolidated into existing branch office operations. These are located in Milltown and Georgetown, Indiana, valued at the aggregate amount of \$600,000, held for sale and included in other assets at September 30, 2012 on the balance sheet of the Consolidated Financial Statements beginning on page F-1 of this annual report.

The Company owns a 4.077 acre parcel of land in New Albany, Indiana, which it is developing for retail purposes through its subsidiary, FFCC, Inc. The retail development is expected to include over 36,000 square feet of leasable class-A retail space and may include a future bank branch location. See Note 6 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements beginning on page F-1 of this annual report for additional information regarding the real estate development and construction.

Item 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

Periodically, there have been various claims and lawsuits against us, such as claims to enforce liens, condemnation proceedings on properties in which we hold security interests, claims involving the making and servicing of real property loans and other issues incident to our business. We are not a party to any pending legal proceedings that we believe would have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

Item 4. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES

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PART II

Item MARKET FOR REGISTRANT'S COMMON EQUITY, RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS AND ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES

Market for Common Equity and Related Stockholder Matters

The Company's common stock is listed on the Nasdaq Capital Market ("Nasdaq") under the trading symbol "FSFG." As of December 14, 2012, the Company had approximately 290 holders of record and 2,317,815 shares of common stock outstanding. The figure of shareholders of record does not reflect the number of person whose shares are in nominee or "street" name accounts through brokers. See Item 1, "Business—Regulation and Supervision—Limitation on Capital Distributions" and Note 26 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements beginning on page F-1 of this annual report for information regarding dividend restrictions applicable to the Company.

The following table provides quarterly market price and dividend information per common share for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2012 and 2011 as reported by Nasdaq.

	High	Low		Market price
	Sale	Sale	Dividends	end of period
2012:				
Fourth Quarter	\$19.55	\$17.51	\$ 0.00	\$ 19.50
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Third Quarter	18.49	16.80	0.00	17.65
Second Quarter	17.61	16.25	0.00	17.10
First Quarter	19.04	15.23	0.00	16.92
2011:				
Fourth Quarter	\$16.48	\$14.79	\$ 0.00	\$ 15.50
Third Quarter	17.00	15.02	0.00	15.99
Second Quarter	18.49	14.65	0.00	15.25
First Quarter	15.00	13.10	0.00	14.80

On November 16, 2012, the Company declared a special cash dividend of \$0.40 per share on its outstanding common stock, payable on or about December 31, 2012 to stockholders of record as of the close of business on November 30, 2012. The Company currently intends to adopt a policy of paying regular cash dividends beginning during the first calendar quarter of 2013. However, the Company cannot guarantee that it will pay dividends or that if paid, it will not reduce or eliminate dividends in the future.

Purchases of Equity Securities

The following table presents information regarding the Company's stock repurchase activity during the quarter ended September 30, 2012:

Period	(a) Total number of shares purchased	(b) Average price paid per share	(c) Total number of shares purchased as part of publicly announced plans or programs (1)	(d) Maximum number of shares that may yet be purchased under the plans or programs
July 1, 2012 through July 31, 2012	_		_	56,416
August 1, 2012 through August 31, 2012			_	56,416
September 1, 2012 through September 30, 2012	29,900	\$ 19.10	29,900	26,615
Total	29,900	\$ 19.10	29,900	26,615

⁽¹⁾ On October 20, 2010, the Company announced that its Board of Directors authorized a stock repurchase program to acquire up to 120,747 shares, or 5.0% of the Company's outstanding common stock. Under the program, repurchases are to be conducted through open market purchases or privately negotiated transactions, and were to be made from time to time depending on market conditions and other factors.

New Stock Repurchase Program

On November 16, 2012, the Company authorized a new stock repurchase program to acquire up to 230,217 shares, or approximately 10%, of the Company's outstanding common stock that will be outstanding upon completion of the current stock repurchase program. The Company's current repurchase program has 14,650 shares remaining to be purchased as of the close of trading on December 14, 2012. The new repurchases will commence upon completion of the current repurchase program. Repurchases, which will be conducted through open market purchases or privately negotiated transactions, will be made from time to time depending on market conditions and other factors. There is no guarantee as to the exact number of shares to be repurchased by the Company. Repurchased shares will be held in treasury.

Item 6. SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

The following tables contain certain information concerning our consolidated financial position and results of operations, which is derived in part from our audited consolidated financial statements. The following is only a summary and should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto beginning on page F-1 of this annual report.

	At September 30,					
(In thousands)	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	
Financial Condition Data:						
Total assets	\$638,913	\$537,086	\$508,442	\$480,811	\$228,924	
Cash and cash equivalents	38,791	27,203	11,278	10,404	21,379	
Securities available-for-sale	152,543	108,577	109,976	72,580	10,697	
Securities held-to-maturity	7,848	9,506	3,929	6,782	8,456	
Loans net	389,067	354,432	343,615	353,823	174,807	
Deposits	494,234	387,626	366,161	350,816	189,209	
Borrowings from Federal Home Loan Bank	53,062	53,137	67,159	55,773	8,000	
Stockholders' equity (total equity before September 30, 2009)	82,926	76,601	55,151	52,877	29,720	

	For the Year Ended September 30,					
(In thousands)	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	
Operating Data:						
Interest income	\$25,994	\$25,983	\$26,262	\$13,008	\$12,523	3
Interest expense	4,675	5,385	6,117	4,440	5,972	
Net interest income	21,319	20,598	20,145	8,568	6,551	
Provision for loan losses	1,532	1,605	1,604	819	1,540	
Net interest income after provision for loan losses	19,787	18,993	18,541	7,749	5,011	
Noninterest income	3,422	3,008	2,916	1,263	1,054	
Noninterest expense	17,464	16,308	18,020	9,231	6,555	
Income (loss) before income taxes	5,745	5,693	3,437	(219	(490)
Income tax expense (benefit)	1,458	1,679	808	(252)	(300)
Net income (loss)	4,287	4,014	2,629	33	(190)
Less: Preferred stock dividends declared	171	115	-	-	-	
Net income (loss) available to common shareholders	\$4,116	\$3,899	\$2,629	\$33	\$(190)

For the Year Ended September 30, 2012 2011 2010 2009 2008

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Per Share Data:

Net income per common share, basic	\$1.90	\$1.82	\$1.17	\$0.01	N/A
Net income per common share, diluted	1.85	1.78	1.17	0.01	N/A
Dividends per common share	0.00	0.00	0.08	0.00	N/A

	At or For t	the Year En 2011	ded Septen 2010	nber 30, 2009	2008
Performance Ratios: Return on average assets	0.75 %	0.78 %	0.53 %	0.01 %	(0.09)%
-	5.42	6.85	4.93	0.06	,
Return on average equity	3.42	0.83	4.93	0.00	(0.64)
Interest rate spread (1)	4.07	4.30	4.44	3.41	2.97
Net interest margin (2)	4.22	4.44	4.57	3.93	3.38
Other expenses to average assets	3.05	3.15	3.66	3.90	3.11
Efficiency ratio (3)	70.59	69.08	78.14	93.90	86.19
Average interest-earning assets to average interest-bearing liabilities	116.16	111.98	109.89	125.66	113.15
Dividend payout ratio	_	_	7.34	_	_
Average equity to average assets	13.81	11.33	10.85	21.84	14.07
Capital Ratios: Tangible capital (4)	10.12 %	11.34 %	7.84 %	7.55 %	12.87 %
Core capital (4)	10.12	11.34	7.84	7.55	12.87
Risk-based capital (4)	17.07	17.52	12.77	12.32	22.09
Asset Quality Ratios: Allowance for loan losses as a percent of total loans	1.23 %	1.29 %	1.09 %	1.03 %	0.98 %
Allowance for loan losses as a percent of non-performing loans	84.12	63.70	63.88	70.06	104.72
Net charge-offs to average outstanding loans during the period	0.35	0.21	0.42	0.38	0.64
Non-performing loans as a percent of total loans	1.46	2.02	1.71	1.47	0.93
Non-performing assets as a percent of total assets	2.21	2.01	1.47	1.44	0.96
Other Data: Number of offices Number of deposit accounts (5) Number of loans (6)	14 36,259 6,072	12 29,777 5,777	12 31,100 6,410	14 32,689 6,552	7 16,831 2,188

- Represents the difference between the weighted average yield on average interest-earning assets and the weighted (1) average cost on average interest-bearing liabilities. Tax exempt income is reported on a tax equivalent basis using a federal marginal tax rate of 34%.
- Represents net interest income as a percent of average interest-earning assets. Tax exempt income is reported on a tax equivalent basis using a federal marginal tax rate of 34%.
 - (3) Represents other expenses divided by the sum of net interest income and other income.
 - (4) Represents the capital ratios of only the Bank.
- (5) The significant increase from 2008 to 2009 is due primarily to 16,455 deposit accounts acquired in the acquisition of Community First. The significant increase from 2011 to 2012 is due primarily to 5,826 deposit accounts acquired in the acquisition of the First Federal branches.
- (6) The significant increase from 2008 to 2009 is due primarily to 4,595 loans acquired in the acquisition of Community First. The significant increase from 2011 to 2012 is due primarily to 768 loans acquired in the acquisition of the First Federal branches.

Item MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS7. OF OPERATION

Overview

Income. Our primary source of pre-tax income is net interest income. Net interest income is the difference between interest income, which is the income that we earn on our loans and investments, and interest expense, which is the interest that we pay on our deposits and borrowings. Other significant sources of pre-tax income are service charges (mostly from service charges on deposit accounts and loan servicing fees), increases in the cash surrender value of life insurance, fees from sale of mortgage loans originated for sale in the secondary market, commissions on sales of securities and insurance products, and net realized and unrealized gains on trading account securities. We also recognize income from the sale of investment securities.

Allowance for Loan Losses. The allowance for loan losses is a valuation allowance for probable losses inherent in the loan portfolio. We evaluate the need to establish allowances against losses on loans on a quarterly basis. When additional allowances are necessary, a provision for loan losses is charged to earnings.

Expenses. The noninterest expenses we incur in operating our business consist of salaries and employee benefits expenses, occupancy expenses, data processing expenses, professional service fees, federal deposit insurance premiums, advertising, net losses on foreclosed real estate and other miscellaneous expenses. Our noninterest expenses increased for the year ended September 30, 2012 when compared to 2011 primarily as a result of nonrecurring expenses in 2012 relating to the acquisition and integration of the First Federal branches and advertising costs associated with the rebranding of the Company with a new 'look' and logo during 2012. These 2012 additional expenses consisted primarily of professional fees, data processing expense and advertising expense.

Salaries and employee benefits consist primarily of: salaries and wages paid to our employees; payroll taxes; and expenses for health insurance, retirement plans and other employee benefits. We also recognize annual employee compensation expenses related to the equity incentive plan as the equity incentive awards vest. See Note 17 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements beginning on page F-1 of this annual report for additional information regarding the stock based compensation plans.

Occupancy expenses, which are the fixed and variable costs of buildings and equipment, consist primarily of depreciation charges, furniture and equipment expenses, maintenance, real estate taxes and costs of utilities. Depreciation of premises and equipment is computed using the straight-line method based on the useful lives of the related assets, which range from three to 50 years.

Data processing expenses are the fees we pay to third parties for processing customer information, deposits and loans. Our data processing expenses increased in the year ended September 30, 2012 when compared to 2011 primarily as a result of nonrecurring expenses in 2012 relating to the integration of the First Federal branches with the Bank's core operating system. These nonrecurring charges associated with the integration of the First Federal branches with the Bank's core operating system amounted to \$327,000 during 2012.

Professional fees expense represents the fees we pay to third parties for legal, accounting, investment advisory and other consulting services. Our professional fees expense increased in the year ended September 30, 2012 when compared to 2011 primarily as a result of nonrecurring expenses in 2012 relating to the acquisition and integration of the First Federal branches and investment management fees for the managed trading account. The 2012 nonrecurring charges associated with the acquisition and integration of the First Federal branches amounted to \$194,000.

Federal deposit insurance premiums are payments we make to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation for insurance of our deposit accounts.

Other expenses include expenses for office supplies, postage, telephone, insurance, regulatory assessments and other miscellaneous operating expenses.

Critical Accounting Policies

The accounting and reporting policies of the Company comply with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and conform to general practices within the banking industry. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions. The financial position and results of operations can be affected by these estimates and assumptions, which are integral to understanding reported results. Critical accounting policies are those policies that require management to make assumptions about matters that are highly uncertain at the time an accounting estimate is made; and different estimates that the Company reasonably could have used in the current period, or changes in the accounting estimate that are reasonably likely to occur from period to period, would have a material impact on the Company's financial condition, changes in financial condition or results of operations. Most accounting policies are not considered by management to be critical accounting policies. Several factors are considered in determining whether or not a policy is critical in the preparation of financial statements. These factors include, among other things, whether the estimates are significant to the financial statements, the nature of the estimates, the ability to readily validate the estimates with other information including third parties or available prices, and sensitivity of the estimates to changes in economic conditions and whether alternative accounting methods may be utilized under generally accepted accounting principles. Significant accounting policies, including the impact of recent accounting pronouncements, are discussed in Note 1 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements. The policies considered to be the critical accounting policies are described below.

Allowance for Loan Losses. The allowance for loan losses is the amount estimated by management as necessary to cover losses inherent in the loan portfolio at the balance sheet date. The allowance is established through the provision for loan losses, which is charged to income. Determining the amount of the allowance for loan losses necessarily involves a high degree of judgment. Among the material estimates required to establish the allowance are: loss exposure at default; the amount and timing of future cash flows on impacted loans; value of collateral; and determination of loss factors to be applied to the various elements of the portfolio. All of these estimates are susceptible to significant change. Management reviews the level of the allowance at least quarterly and establishes the provision for loan losses based upon an evaluation of the portfolio, past loss experience, current economic conditions and other factors related to the collectability of the loan portfolio. Although we believe that we use the best information available to establish the allowance for loan losses, future adjustments to the allowance may be necessary if economic or other conditions differ substantially from the assumptions used in making the evaluation. In addition, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, as an integral part of its examination process, periodically reviews our allowance for loan losses and may require us to recognize adjustments to the allowance based on its judgments about information available to it at the time of its examination. A large loss could deplete the allowance and require increased provisions to replenish the allowance, which would adversely affect earnings. Note 1 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements beginning on page F-1 of this annual report describes the methodology used to determine the allowance for loan losses. The Company has not made any substantive changes to its methodology for determining the allowance for loan losses during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2012, and there have been no material changes in the assumptions or estimation techniques compared to prior years.

Other-Than-Temporary Impairment of Securities. The Company reviews all investment securities with significant declines in fair value for potential other-than-temporary impairment ("OTTI") on a periodic basis. In evaluating the

investment portfolio for OTTI, management considers the issuer's credit rating, credit outlook, payment status and financial condition, the length of time the investment has been in a loss position, the size of the loss position and other meaningful information. Generally changes in market interest rates that result in a decline in value of an investment security are considered to be temporary, since the value of such investment can recover in the foreseeable future as market interest rates return to their original levels. However, such declines in value that are due to the underlying credit quality of the issuer or other adverse conditions that cannot be expected to improve in the foreseeable future, may be considered to be other-than-temporary. The Company recognizes credit-related OTTI on debt securities in earnings, while noncredit-related OTTI on debt securities not expected to be sold is recognized in accumulated other comprehensive income. Management believes this is a critical accounting policy because this evaluation of the underlying credit or analysis of other conditions contributing to the decline in value involves a high degree of complexity and requires us to make subjective judgments that often require assumptions or estimates about various matters. No other-than-temporary write-down charges to earnings were recognized during 2012 or 2011. See Note 4 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements beginning on page F-1 of this annual report for additional information regarding OTTI.

Valuation Methodologies. In the ordinary course of business, management applies various valuation methodologies to assets and liabilities that often involve a significant degree of judgment, particularly when active markets do not exist for the items being valued. Generally, in evaluating various assets for potential impairment, management compares the fair value to the carrying value. Quoted market prices are referred to when estimating fair values for certain assets, such as investment securities. However, for those items for which market-based prices do not exist, management utilizes significant estimates and assumptions to value such items. Examples of these items include goodwill and other intangible assets, foreclosed and other repossessed assets, estimated present value of impaired loans, value ascribed to stock-based compensation and certain other financial investments. The use of different assumptions could produce significantly different results, which could have material positive or negative effects on the Company's results of operations.

Operating Strategy

Our mission is to operate and grow a profitable community-oriented financial institution. We plan to achieve this by executing our strategy of:

continuing our historical focus on residential mortgage lending but de-emphasizing residential mortgage lending secured by non-owner occupied properties;

pursuing opportunities to increase commercial real estate lending and commercial business lending;

improving customer service and product offerings by leveraging the Bank's investment in new technology including the core operating system;

providing exceptional customer service to attract and retain customers;

promoting our presence, brand image and product offerings in our primarily market area using our newly designed logo and marketing promotions that were launched in September 2011;

continuing to monitor asset quality and credit risk in the loan and investment portfolios;

recognizing improvements in noninterest income with respect to service charges on deposits as a result of restructuring deposit account types and fees, commission income related to non-deposit investment products and gains on sales of mortgage loans sold in the secondary market;

expanding our market share and market area by opening new branch offices and pursuing opportunities to acquire other financial institutions or branches; and

· increasing shareholder value through stock repurchase programs and potential future dividend plans.

Continuing our historical focus on residential mortgage lending but de-emphasizing residential mortgage lending secured by non-owner occupied properties.

Our predominant lending activity has been residential mortgage lending in our primary market area. A significant portion of the residential mortgage loans that we had originated before 2005 are secured by non-owner occupied properties. Loans secured by non-owner occupied properties generally carry a greater risk of loss than loans secured by owner-occupied properties, and our non-performing loan balances have increased in recent periods primarily because of delinquencies in our non-owner occupied residential loan portfolio. Since 2005, when we hired a new President and Chief Executive Officer, we have de-emphasized non-owner occupied residential mortgage lending and have focused, and intend to continue to focus, our residential mortgage lending primarily on originating residential mortgage loans secured by owner-occupied properties. At September 30, 2012, 47.7% of our total loans were residential mortgage loans and 20.4% of our residential mortgage loans were secured by non-owner occupied properties. We intend to expand our emphasis on residential mortgage lending because this type of lending generally carries lower credit risk and has contributed to our historically favorable asset quality.

Pursuing opportunities to increase commercial real estate lending and commercial business lending.

In recent periods, we have begun to focus on commercial real estate and commercial business lending and intend to continue this focus. Commercial real estate loans and commercial business loans give us the opportunity to earn more income because these loans have higher interest rates than residential mortgage loans in order to compensate for the increased credit risk. At September 30, 2012, commercial real estate loans and commercial business loans represented 22.6% and 9.0%, respectively, of our total loans. We intend to continue to pursue these lending opportunities in our primary market area. In addition, the Company's participation in the United States Department of the Treasury's Small Business Lending Fund program, as discussed further in Note 25 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements beginning on page F-1 of this annual report, also provides an incentive and capital to increase commercial lending.

Continuing to integrate the Community First and First Federal offices, customers and product lines.

During 2010, we began to integrate the Community First offices and customers by integrating the core operating systems of the Bank and Community First onto a single core operating system, which was successfully completed in August 2010. This single system permits Bank customers to utilize all office locations, permits Bank officers and staff to extract and monitor a standard set of information available from all office locations and allows the Bank to offer a uniform set of product offerings focus. In addition, during 2011 and 2012 we successfully rebranded all office locations, including those operating under the Community First name, with a new 'look' and logo for First Savings Bank in order to provide uniformity to our existing and prospective customer base. In 2012 we began to integrate the First Federal offices and customers into the existing First Savings franchise.

Providing exceptional customer service to attract and retain customers.

As a community-oriented financial institution, we emphasize providing exceptional customer service as a means to attract and retain customers. We deliver personalized service and respond with flexibility to customer needs. We believe that our community orientation is attractive to our customers and distinguishes us from the larger banks that operate in our primary market area.

Expanding our market share and market area.

The 2009 acquisition of Community First expanded our market area into Harrison, Crawford and Washington Counties, Indiana, while the 2012 acquisition of the First Federal branches enhanced our presence in Harrison and Floyd Counties, Indiana. As previously discussed, we successfully rebranded the twelve office locations during 2011 and 2012 with a new look and logo for First Savings Bank and have also expanded our marketing efforts as a result of such. In addition, we intend to continue to pursue opportunities to expand our market share and market area by seeking to open additional branch offices and pursuing opportunities to acquire other financial institutions or branches of other financial institutions in our primary market area and surrounding areas.

Issuance of Preferred Stock under the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Small Business Lending Fund

On August 11, 2011, First Savings Financial Group entered into and consummated a Securities Purchase Agreement (the "Purchase Agreement") with the Secretary of the Treasury, pursuant to which First Savings Financial Group issued 17,120 shares of Senior Non-Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock, Series A (the "Series A Preferred Stock"), having a liquidation amount per share equal to \$1,000, for a total purchase price of \$17.1 million. The Purchase Agreement was entered into, and the Series A Preferred Stock was issued, pursuant to the Small Business Lending Fund program, a \$30 billion fund established under the Small Business Jobs Act of 2010, that encourages lending to small businesses by providing capital to qualified community banks with assets of less than \$10 billion. See Note 25 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements beginning of page F-1 of this annual report for additional information regarding the terms of the Series A Preferred Stock.

Balance Sheet Analysis

Cash and Cash Equivalents. At September 30, 2012 and 2011, cash and cash equivalents totaled \$38.8 million and \$27.2 million, respectively. The Bank is required to maintain reserve balances on hand and with the Federal Reserve Bank which are unavailable for investment but interest-bearing and the average amount of those reserve balances for the year ended September 30, 2012 was approximately \$2.8 million.

Loans. Our primary lending activity is the origination of loans secured by real estate. We originate one-to four-family mortgage loans, multifamily loans, commercial real estate loans, commercial business loans and construction loans. To a lesser extent, we originate various consumer loans including home equity lines of credit.

Residential mortgage loans comprise the largest segment of our loan portfolio. At September 30, 2012, these loans totaled \$191.0 million, or 47.7% of total loans, compared to \$169.4 million, or 46.7% of total loans at September 30, 2011. Total residential mortgage loan balances increased in 2012 primarily due to the loans acquired in the First Federal branch acquisition. We generally originate loans for investment purposes, although, depending on the interest rate environment, we typically sell 25-year and 30-year fixed-rate residential mortgage loans that we originate into the secondary market in order to limit exposure to interest rate risk and to earn noninterest income. Management intends to continue offering short-term adjustable rate residential mortgage loans and sell long-term fixed rate mortgage loans in the secondary market with servicing released.

Commercial real estate loans totaled \$90.3 million, or 22.6% of total loans at September 30, 2012, compared to \$73.5 million, or 20.3% of total loans at September 30, 2011. The balance of commercial real estate loans has increased primarily due to greater opportunity to originate these loans during 2012 as a result of our increased commercial lending personnel. Management continues to focus on pursuing nonresidential loan opportunities in order to further

diversify the loan portfolio.

Consumer loans totaled \$30.6 million, or 7.7% of total loans, at September 30, 2012 compared to \$29.6 million, or 8.1% of total loans, at September 30, 2011. Total consumer loan balances increased in 2012 primarily due to the loans acquired in the First Federal branch acquisition. However, in general, organic consumer loans including automobile loans, home equity lines of credit, unsecured loans and loans secured by deposits, have declined due to pay-downs, payoffs, charge-offs and management's decision to focus on other lending opportunities with less inherent credit risk. In the aggregate, home equity lines of credit increased \$3.1 million, or 20.3%, while automobile loans decreased \$1.6 million, or 16.4%, from September 30, 2011 to September 30, 2012. The Bank sold its \$1.2 million credit card portfolio in May 2011, resulting in a net gain of \$104,000 on the sale.

Commercial business loans totaled \$36.2 million, or 9.0% of total loans, at September 30, 2012 compared to \$40.6 million, or 11.2% of total loans, at September 30, 2011. The balance of commercial business loans has decreased primarily due to repayments, payoffs, charge-offs and increased competition in the marketplace. Management continues to focus on pursuing commercial business loan opportunities in order to further diversify the loan portfolio.

Multi-family real estate loans totaled \$23.9 million, or 6.0% of total loans at September 30, 2012, compared to \$24.9 million, or 6.9% of total loans at September 30, 2011. The balance of multi-family real estate loans decreased primarily due to repayments.

Residential construction loans totaled \$10.7 million, or 2.7% of total loans, at September 30, 2012 of which \$6.4 million were speculative construction loans. At September 30, 2011, residential construction loans totaled \$8.0 million, or 2.2% of total loans, of which \$6.3 million were speculative loans. The general slowdown in the housing market in our primary market area and, to a lesser extent, increased competition in the market for these loans has somewhat decreased the opportunity to originate these loans and significantly grow this segment of the portfolio. We intend to continue pursuing quality construction lending opportunities as the housing market continues to recover.

Commercial construction loans totaled \$5.2 million, or 1.3% of total loans, at September 30, 2012 compared to \$4.1 million, or 1.1% of total loans at September 30, 2011. The general slowdown of commercial construction in our primary market area and increased competition in the marketplace has decreased the opportunity to originate these loans and grow this segment of the portfolio.

Land and land development loans totaled \$12.3 million, or 3.1% of total loans at September 30, 2012, compared to \$12.9 million, or 3.6% of total loans at September 30, 2011. These loans are primarily secured by vacant lots to be improved for residential and nonresidential development and farmland. The general slowdown of residential and commercial construction in our primary market area and increased competition in the marketplace has decreased the opportunity to originate these loans and grow this segment of the portfolio.

The following table sets forth the composition of our loan portfolio at the dates indicated.

	At Septemb	per 30,								
	2012		2011		2010		2009		2008	
(Dollars in thousands) Real estate mortgage:	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent
Residential Commercial Multi-family	\$190,958 90,290 23,879	47.72 % 22.56 5.97	\$169,353 73,513 24,909	46.65 % 20.25 6.86	\$172,007 53,869 20,360	49.33 % 15.45 5.84	\$185,800 48,090 12,584	51.61 % 13.36 3.50	\$113,518 15,459 3,282	64.20 % 8.74 1.86
Residential construction	10,748	2.69	8,002	2.20	15,867	4.55	14,555	4.04	6,189	3.50
Commercial construction Land and	5,182	1.29	4,144	1.14	9,851	2.83	7,648	2.12	1,991	1.13
land development	12,320	3.08	12,947	3.57	9,076	2.60	11,189	3.11	4,748	2.69
Total	333,377	83.31	292,868	80.67	281,030	80.60	279,866	77.74	145,187	82.12
Commercial business	36,189	9.04	40,628	11.19	30,905	8.86	36,901	10.25	14,411	8.15
Consumer: Home equity	18,294	4.57	15,210	4.19	16,335	4.68	17,365	4.82	9,970	5.64
lines of credit			•				•		•	
Auto loans Other	8,219	2.05 1.03	9,827 4,514	2.71 1.24	13,405 7,030	3.84 2.02	18,279	5.08 2.11	1,950 5,200	1.10 2.99
Total	4,114 30,627	7.65	29,551	8.14	36,770	10.54	7,567 43,211	12.01	5,290 17,210	9.73
Total loans	400,193	100.00%	363,047	100.00%	348,705	100.00%	359,978	100.00%	176,808	100.00%
Deferred loan origination fees and costs, net	(382)		(558)		(778)		(846)		(795)	
Undisbursed portion of loans in process	6,602		4,501		2,057		3,306		1,067	
Allowance for loan losses	4,906		4,672		3,811		3,695		1,729	
Loans, net	\$389,067		\$354,432		\$343,615		\$353,823		\$174,807	

Loan Maturity

The following table sets forth certain information at September 30, 2012 regarding the dollar amount of loan principal repayments becoming due during the period indicated. The table does not include any estimate of prepayments which significantly shorten the average life of all loans and may cause our actual repayment experience to differ from that shown below. Demand loans having no stated schedule of repayments and no stated maturity, are reported as due in one year or less.

	At Septem	ber 30, 2012				
(Dollars in thousands)	Residentia Real Estate (1)	Commercial Real Estate (2)	Construction (3)	Commercial Business	Consumer	Total Loans
Amounts due in:						
One year or less	\$26,684	\$ 41,989	\$ 15,930	\$ 19,889	\$ 8,850	\$113,342
More than one year to two years	16,048	18,388	-	4,612	5,711	44,759
More than two years to three years	12,210	11,987	-	3,209	4,001	31,407
More than three years to five years	22,375	13,099	-	4,086	4,997	44,557
More than five years to ten years	43,730	12,670	-	2,888	5,462	64,750
More than ten years to fifteen years	30,835	2,388	-	831	1,604	35,658
More than fifteen years	62,955	2,089	-	674	2	65,720
Total	\$214,837	\$ 102,610	\$ 15,930	\$ 36,189	\$ 30,627	\$400,193

- (1) Includes multi-family loans.
- (2) Includes farmland and land and land development loans.
- (3) Includes construction loans for which the Bank has committed to provide permanent financing.

Fixed vs. Adjustable Rate Loans

The following table sets forth the dollar amount of all loans at September 30, 2012 that are due after September 30, 2013, and have either fixed interest rates or adjustable interest rates. The amounts shown below exclude unearned loan origination fees.

(In thousands)	Fixed Rates	Adjustable Rates	Total
Residential real estate (1)	\$ 112,015	\$ 76,138	\$188,153

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Commercial real estate (2)	44,037	16,584	60,621
Construction	-	-	-
Commercial business	12,469	3,831	16,300
Consumer	7,730	14,047	21,777
Total	\$ 176,251	\$ 110,600	\$286,851

- (1) Includes multi-family loans.
- (2) Includes farmland and land and land development loans.

Loan Activity

The following table shows loans originated, purchased and sold during the periods indicated.

	Year Ended September 30,			
(In thousands)	2012	2011	2010	
Total loans at beginning of period	\$363,047	\$348,705	\$359,978	
Loans originated:				
Residential real estate (1)	28,403	33,968	22,980	
Commercial real estate (2)	29,622	26,313	7,386	
Construction	8,239	4,440	9,762	
Commercial business	8,936	17,327	10,050	
Consumer	8,379	6,260	6,999	
Total loans originated	83,579	88,308	57,177	
Loans purchased	5,923	_	_	
Increase due to acquisition of First Federal branches	32,408	_	_	
Deduct:				
Loan principal repayments	(82,020)	(73,966)	(68,450)	
Loan sales	(2,744)	_	_	
Net loan activity	37,146	14,342	(11,273)	
Total loans at end of period	\$400,193	\$363,047	\$348,705	

- (1) Includes multi-family loans.
- (2) Includes farmland and land and land development loans.

Trading Account Securities. Our trading account securities represent an investment in a managed brokerage account in May 2012 that invests in small and medium lot, investment grade municipal bonds. The brokerage account is managed by an investment advisory firm registered with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. At September 30, 2012, trading account securities recorded at fair value totaled \$3.6 million, comprised of investment grade municipal bonds. See Note 4 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements beginning on page F-1 of this annual report for additional information regarding trading account securities.

Securities Available for Sale. Our available for sale securities portfolio consists primarily of U.S. government agency and sponsored enterprises securities, mortgage backed securities and collateralized mortgage obligations issued by U.S. government agencies and sponsored enterprises, municipal bonds, and privately-issued collateralized mortgage obligations and asset-backed securities. Available for sale securities increased by \$44.0 million from September 30, 2011 to September 30, 2012 primarily due to purchases of \$76.8 million and unrealized gains of \$3.4 million, which more than offset maturities and calls of \$12.7 million, sales of \$2.2 million and principal repayments of \$21.1 million.

Securities Held to Maturity. Our held to maturity securities portfolio consists primarily of mortgage-backed securities issued by government sponsored enterprises and municipal bonds. Held to maturity securities decreased by \$1.7 million from September 30, 2011 to September 30, 2012 primarily due to maturities and principal repayments of \$1.6 million.

The following table sets forth the amortized costs and fair values of our investment securities at the dates indicated.

	At Septem 2012	ber 30,	2011		2010	
(T. 1)	Amortized Fair		Amortized Fair		Amortized Fair	
(In thousands)	Cost	Value	Cost	Value	Cost	Value
Securities available for sale:						
Agency bonds and notes	\$15,940	\$16,064	\$12,762	\$12,866	\$25,510	\$25,705
Agency mortgage-backed securities	42,255	43,420	17,719	18,309	13,944	14,141
Agency CMO	17,186	17,541	25,368	25,691	22,325	22,488
Privately-issued CMO	4,283	5,289	4,414	4,704	4,737	5,446
Privately-issued asset-backed	5,797	7,227	5,623	6,692	5,605	7,242
Municipal	58,135	62,933	37,344	40,259	33,109	34,877
Equity securities	_	69	_	56	_	77
Total	\$143,596	\$152,543	\$103,230	\$108,577	\$105,230	\$109,976
Securities held to maturity:						
Agency mortgage-backed securities	\$1,342	\$1,460	\$2,337	\$2,521	\$3,625	\$3,836
Municipal	6,506	6,854	7,169	7,169	304	308
Total	\$7,848	\$8,314	\$9,506	\$9,690	\$3,929	\$4,144

The following table sets forth the activity in our investment available for sale and held to maturity securities portfolio during the periods indicated.

	At or For the Year Ended September 30,		
(In thousands)	2012	2011	2010
Mortgage-backed securities:			
Mortgage-backed securities, beginning of period (1)	\$20,830	\$17,977	\$41,229
Purchases	33,762	9,157	10,020
Sales	_	(154)	(20,244)
Maturities	_	_	_
Repayments and prepayments	(9,596)	(6,177)	(12,356)
Net amortization of premiums and accretion of discounts on securities	(625)	(348)	(849)
Gains on sales	_	9	153
Increase in net unrealized gain	509	366	24
Increase due to acquisition of Community First	_	_	_
Net increase (decrease) in mortgage-backed securities	24,050	2,853	(23,252)
Mortgage-backed securities, end of period (1)	\$44,880	\$20,830	\$17,977
Investment securities:			
Investment securities, beginning of period (1)	\$97,437	\$96,143	\$38,405
Purchases	43,014	39,813	92,742

Sales	(2,265)	(6,941)	(3,666)
Maturities	(13,318)	(26,273)	(32,605)
Repayments and prepayments	(12,529)	(5,931)	(3,366)
Net amortization of premiums and accretion of discounts on securities	242	474	801
Other than temporary impairment loss	_	_	(60)
Gains on sales	30	95	_
Increase in net unrealized gain	3,366	57	3,892
Acquired with Community First	_	_	_
Net increase in investment securities	18,540	1,294	57,738
Investment securities, end of period (1)	\$115,977	\$97,437	\$96,143

(1) At fair value.

The following table sets forth the stated maturities and weighted average yields of debt securities at September 30, 2012. Weighted average yields on tax-exempt securities are presented on a tax equivalent basis using a federal marginal tax rate of 34%. Certain mortgage-backed securities and collateralized mortgage obligations have adjustable interest rates and will reprice annually within the various maturity ranges. These repricing schedules are not reflected in the table below. Weighted average yield calculations on investments available for sale do not give effect to changes in fair value that are reflected as a component of equity.

	One Y or Less	s Weighte	More that One Year Five Year d	ar to	More than Five Year Ten Year d Carrying	rs to	More than Ten Years d Carrying		Total d Carrying	Weighted
(Dollars in thousands)	Carryi Value	X Verage	d Carrying Value	Average Yield	Value	Average Yield	Value	Average Yield	Value	Average Yield
Securities available for sale:										
Agency bonds and notes Agency	\$-	- %	\$-	- %	\$1,063	2.20%	\$15,001	2.28 %	\$16,064	2.27 %
mortgage-backed securities	7	2.07	238	3.86	961	2.59	42,214	3.06	43,420	3.07
Agency CMO	_	_	_	_	1,972	2.03	15,569	2.10	17,541	2.09
Privately-issued CMO	_	_	_	_	_	_	5,289	10.03	5,289	10.03
Privately-issued ABS	_	_	_	_	_	_	7,227	18.85	7,227	18.85
Municipal	751	2.69	2,823	4.41	7,898	4.93	51,461	5.42	62,933	5.28
Total	\$758	2.69%	\$3,061	4.37%	\$11,894	4.02%	\$136,761		\$152,474	4.77 %
Securities held to maturity:										
Agency mortgage-backed securities	\$-	_ %	\$-	- %	\$-	- %	\$1,342	5.04 %	\$1,342	5.04 %
Municipal	525	5.25	2,405	5.88	2,108	6.94%	1,468	6.77	6,506	6.37
Total	\$525	5.25%	\$2,405	5.88%	\$2,108	6.94%	\$2,810		\$7,848	6.15 %

As of September 30, 2012, we did not own any investment securities of a single issuer that had an aggregate book value in excess of 10% of the Company's stockholders' equity at that date, other than securities and obligations issued by U.S. government agencies and sponsored enterprises.

Deposits. Deposit accounts, generally obtained from individuals and businesses throughout our primary market area, are our primary source of funds for lending and investments. Our deposit accounts are comprised of noninterest-bearing accounts, interest-bearing savings, checking and money market accounts and certificates of

deposits. Deposits increased \$106.6 million from September 30, 2011 to September 30, 2012 due primarily to the deposits assumed in the acquisition of the First Federal branches totaling \$116.5 million, which included noninterest-bearing checking of \$8.8 million, interest-bearing checking of \$18.1 million, money market deposit accounts of \$3.1 million, interest-bearing savings of \$16.5 million and certificates of deposit of \$70.0 million. In the aggregate, the Bank recognized increases in noninterest-bearing checking of \$17.1 million, interest-bearing checking of \$32.6 million, money market deposit accounts of \$24.7 million, interest-bearing savings of \$20.4 million and certificates of deposit of \$11.8 million when comparing the two years. Brokered certificates of deposits decreased \$29.7 million from \$32.7 million at September 30, 2011 to \$3.0 million at September 30, 2012. We have continued to promote relationship-oriented deposit accounts but at times utilize a certain level of brokered certificates of deposit as a lower-cost alternative to retail certificates of deposit. In addition, we have continued to develop and promote cash management services including sweep accounts and remote deposit capture during 2012 in order to increase the level of commercial deposit accounts. We believe that the development and promotion of these products has made us more competitive in attracting commercial deposits during recent periods.

The following table sets forth the balances of our deposit accounts at the dates indicated.

	At Septem		
(In thousands)	2012	2011	2010
Non-interest-bearing demand deposits	\$50,502	\$33,426	\$28,853
NOW accounts	100,438	67,801	64,831
Money market accounts	64,186	39,511	35,950
Savings accounts	62,610	42,191	39,104
Certificates of deposit	216,498	204,697	197,423
Total	\$494,234	\$387,626	\$366,161

The following table indicates the amount of jumbo certificates of deposit by time remaining until maturity as of September 30, 2012. Jumbo certificates of deposit require minimum deposits of \$100,000.

(In thousands)	Amount
Three months or less	\$9,370
Over three through six months	13,287
Over six through twelve months	14,469
Over twelve months	34,663
Total	\$71,789

The following table sets forth time deposits classified by rates at the dates indicated.

At September 30,								
(In thousands)	2012	2011	2010					
0.00 - 1.00%	\$88,816	\$102,036	\$65,409					
1.01 - 2.00%	66,867	36,736	42,725					
2.01 - 3.00%	43,106	34,934	39,084					
3.01 - 4.00%	10,523	14,869	19,944					
4.01 - 5.00%	5,313	13,488	21,445					
5.01 - 6.00%	1,873	2,519	6,695					
6.01 - 7.00%	_	115	581					
7.01 - 8.00%	_	_	1,540					
Total	\$216,498	\$204,697	\$197,423					

The following table sets forth the amount and maturities of time deposits at September 30, 2012.

	Amount D	ue					
	Less	More Than	More Than	More Than		Percent of Tota	ıl
(Dollars in thousands)	Than	One Year to	Two Years to	Three Years	Total	Time Deposit	
	One Year	Two Years	Three Years	Tillee Tears		Accounts	
0.00 - 1.00%	\$74,849	\$ 9,723	\$ 3,102	\$ 1,142	\$88,815	41.02	%
1.01 - 2.00%	19,845	17,679	11,987	17,356	66,867	30.89	
2.01 - 3.00%	11,813	3,071	10,358	17,864	43,106	19.91	
3.01 - 4.00%	2,186	2,991	865	4,481	10,524	4.86	
4.01 - 5.00%	1,985	1,224	213	1,891	5,312	2.45	
5.01 - 6.00%	_	18	_	1,855	1,874	0.87	
6.01 - 7.00%	_	_	_	_	_	_	
Total	\$110,678	\$ 34,706	\$ 26,525	\$ 44,589	\$216,498	100.00	%

The following table sets forth deposit activity for the periods indicated.

	Year Ended September 30,			
(In thousands)	2012	2011	2010	
Beginning balance	\$387,626	\$366,161	\$350,816	
Increase due to acquisition of First Federal branches	116,541	_	_	
Increase (decrease) before interest credited	(14,215)	17,846	12,865	
Interest credited	4,282	3,619	2,480	
Net increase in deposits	106,608	21,465	15,345	
Ending balance	\$494,234	\$387,626	\$366,161	

Borrowings. We use borrowings from the Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis (FHLBI) consisting of advances and borrowings under a line of credit arrangement to supplement our supply of funds for loans and investments. We also utilize retail and broker repurchase agreements as sources of borrowings.

The following table sets forth certain information regarding the Bank's use of FHLBI borrowings.

	Year Ende	ed Septembe	r 30,
(Dollars in thousands)	2012	2011	2010
Maximum amount of FHLBI borrowings outstanding at any month-end during period	\$98,381	\$78,162	\$67,159
Average FHLBI borrowings outstanding during period	67,346	63,990	59,319
Weighted average interest rate during period	1.68 %	5 1.71 %	1.70 %
Balance outstanding at end of period	\$53,062	\$53,137	\$67,159
Weighted average interest rate at end of period	2.11 %	1.89 %	1.80 %

The outstanding balance of borrowings from the FHLBI did not change significantly from September 30, 2011 to September 30, 2012. FHLBI borrowings are primarily used to fund loan demand and to purchase available for sale securities. See Note 13 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements beginning on page F-1 of this annual report for additional information regarding FHLBI borrowings.

The following table sets forth certain information regarding the Bank's use of borrowings under retail repurchase agreements.

	Year Ended September			
(Dollars in thousands)	2012	2011	2010	
Maximum amount of retail repurchase agreements outstanding at any month-end during period	\$1,329	\$1,321	\$1,312	
Average retail repurchase agreements outstanding during period	1,324	1,316	1,308	
Weighted average interest rate during period	0.62 %	0.63 %	0.50 %	
Balance outstanding at end of period	\$1,329	\$1,321	\$1,312	
Weighted average interest rate at end of period	0.50 %	0.63 %	0.63 %	

The following table sets forth certain information regarding the Bank's use of borrowings under repurchase agreements with broker-dealers.

	Year Ende	d Septembe	er 30,
(Dollars in thousands)	2012	2011	2010
	\$15,047	\$15,473	\$15,899

Maximum amount of broker repurchase agreements outstanding at any month-end during period

Average broker repurchase agreements outstanding during period	2,785			15,312		15,722	
Weighted average interest rate during period	2.09	%	2.07	%	2.10	%	
Balance outstanding at end of period	-	\$15,082		\$15,509	9		
Weighted average interest rate at end of period	-		1.62	%	1.62	%	

See Note 12 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements beginning on page F-1 of this annual report for additional information regarding repurchase agreements.

Other Long-Term Debt. On July 27, 2012, FFCC, Inc. entered into a loan agreement with another financial institution to finance the retail development project discussed in Note 6 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements beginning on page F-1 of this annual report. The loan has a maximum commitment of \$5 million and FFCC, Inc. had borrowed \$2.1 million under the loan at September 30, 2012. See Note 14 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements beginning on page F-1 of this annual report for additional information regarding other long-term debt.

Results of Operations for the Years Ended September 30, 2012 and 2011

Overview. The Company reported net income of \$4.3 million and net income available to common shareholders of \$4.1 million (\$1.85 per common share diluted; weighted average common shares outstanding of 2,230,188, as adjusted) for the year ended September 30, 2012, compared to net income of \$4.0 million and net income available to common shareholders of \$3.9 million (\$1.78 per common share diluted; weighted average common shares outstanding of 2,189,472, as adjusted) for the year ended September 30, 2011.

As discussed in "Noninterest Expense" below, the Company recognized nonrecurring pretax charges totaling \$597,000 for the acquisition and integration of the First Federal branches, including data processing costs of \$327,000, professional fees of \$194,000 and other miscellaneous expenses of \$76,000. During the year ended September 30, 2011, the Company recognized a nonrecurring pretax charge of \$118,000 related to severance compensation for the early retirement of several officers.

Net Interest Income. Net interest income increased \$721,000, or 3.5%, from \$20.6 million for the year ended September 30, 2011 to \$21.3 million for the year ended September 30, 2012 primarily as the result of increases in the average balance of interest earning assets from 2011 to 2012 and the ratio of average interest-earning assets to average interest-bearing liabilities from 111.98% for 2011 to 116.16% for 2012, which more than offset a decrease in the interest rate spread from 2011 to 2012. The interest rate spread, the difference between the average tax-equivalent yield on interest-earning assets and the average cost of interest-bearing liabilities, decreased from 4.30% for 2011 to 4.07% for 2012 due primarily to a decrease in the average tax-equivalent yield on interest-earning assets from 5.57% for 2011 to 5.11% for 2012, which more than offset a decrease in the average cost of interest-bearing liabilities from 1.27% for 2011 to 1.04% for 2012.

Total interest income increased \$11,000, and remained consistent at \$26.0 million for both years 2011 and 2012. The slight increase in total interest income is due primarily to an increase in the average balance of interest earning assets of \$47.2 million from \$475.5 million for 2011 to \$522.7 million for 2012, which more than offset the change in total interest income due to a decrease in the average tax-equivalent yield on interest-earning assets from 5.57% for 2011 to 5.11% for 2012. The increase in the average balance of interest-earning assets primarily relates to increases in the average balance of loans of \$22.6 million, investment securities of \$19.3 million and interest-bearing deposits with banks of \$4.7 million. The increase in the average balance of loans is due primarily to the acquisition of the First Federal branches.

Interest income on loans decreased \$76,000, or 0.4%, from \$20.7 million for 2011 to \$20.6 million for 2012 due primarily to a decrease in the average tax-equivalent yield on loans from 5.96% for 2011 to 5.58% for 2012, which more than offset the change in interest income on loans due to an increase in the average balance of loans outstanding of \$22.6 million from \$348.5 million for 2011 to \$371.1 million for 2012. The increase in the average balance of loans outstanding is due primarily to the acquisition of the First Federal branches, which primarily increased residential

mortgage and consumer loans, and an increase in commercial real estate loans. In an effort to increase the size and diversity of the loan portfolio, the Bank offered competitive rates on short-term commercial real estate mortgage loans and was successful in originating these loans, which minimized the attrition in the commercial business loan portfolio.

Interest income on investment securities increased \$55,000, or 1.1%, and remained consistent at \$5.2 million for both years 2011 and 2012. The slight increase in interest income on investment securities is due primarily to an increase in the average balance of investment securities of \$19.3 million, or 16.3%, from \$118.1 million for 2011 to \$137.4 million for 2012, which more than offset the change in interest income on investment securities due to a decrease in the average tax-equivalent yield on investments securities from 4.74% for 2011 to 4.26% for 2012. During 2012, in an effort to maximize earnings and diversify the asset portfolio, the Bank increased its investments in mortgage backed securities issued by U.S. government agencies and sponsored enterprises, and municipal bonds.

Total interest expense decreased \$710,000, or 13.1%, due primarily to a decrease in the average cost of funds from 1.27% for 2011 to 1.04% for 2012, which more than offset the change in total interest expense due to a \$25.4 million increase in the average balance of interest-bearing liabilities from \$424.6 million for 2011 to \$450.0 million for 2012. The average balance of interest-bearing deposits increased \$34.3 million, or 10.0%, from \$344.0 million for 2011 to \$378.3 million for 2012 and the average cost of funds for deposits was 1.15% for 2011 compared to 0.92% for 2012. The increase in the average balance of deposits is due primarily to the acquisition of the First Federal branches. The average balance of borrowings decreased \$8.9 million, or 11.0%, from \$80.6 million for 2011 to \$71.7 million for 2012 and the average cost of funds for borrowings was 1.76% for 2011 compared to 1.67% for 2012. The average cost of interest-bearing liabilities decreased for 2012 primarily as a result of a reduction in the rates offered on deposit accounts during 2012, the repricing of time deposits at lower market rates during 2012, and the use of a certain level of lower-cost borrowings.

Average Balances and Yields.

The following tables present information regarding average balances of assets and liabilities, the total dollar amounts of interest income and dividends from average interest-earning assets, the total dollar amounts of interest expense on average interest-bearing liabilities, and the resulting annualized average yields and costs. The yields and costs for the periods indicated are derived by dividing income or expense by the average balances of assets or liabilities, respectively, for the periods presented. Nonaccrual loans are included in average balances only. Loan fees are included in interest income on loans and are not material. Tax exempt income on loans and investment securities has been calculated on a tax equivalent basis using a federal marginal tax rate of 34%.

	Year Ende	ed Septemb	per 30,		2011				2010			
(Dollars in thousands)	Average Balance	Interest and Dividend	Yield/ Cost		Average Balance	Interest and Dividend	Yield/ Cost		Average Balance	Interest and Dividend	Yield/ Cost	
Assets: Interest-bearing deposits with banks	\$9,346	\$11	0.12	%	\$4,609	\$18	0.39	%	\$3,614	\$16	0.44	%
Loans Investment securities	371,066 104,715	20,709 5,066	5.58 4.84		348,522 101,760	20,766 5,100	5.96 5.01		352,208 58,437	22,295 3,558	6.33 6.09	
Mortgage-backed securities	32,635	785	2.41		16,381	504	3.08		31,309	750	2.40	
Federal Home Loan Bank stock	4,965	151	3.04		4,194	112	2.67		4,170	69	1.65	
Total interest-earning assets	522,727	26,722	5.11		475,466	26,500	5.57		449,738	26,688	5.93	
Non-interest-earning assets	49,979				42,068				42,003			
Total assets	572,706				517,534				\$491,741			
Liabilities and equity: NOW accounts	\$78,530	\$424	0.54		\$64,967	\$342	0.53		\$63,389	\$387	0.61	
Money market deposit accounts	48,878	347	0.71		37,150	276	0.74		33,736	260	0.77	
Passbook accounts Certificates of deposit	48,055 202,797	125 2,580	0.26 1.27		40,398 201,483	103 3,247	0.25 1.61		37,438 198,323	99 4,025	0.26 2.03	
Total interest-bearing deposits	378,260	3,476	0.92		343,998	3,968	1.15		332,886	4,771	1.43	
Borrowings (1)	71,743 450,003	1,199 4,675	1.67 1.04		80,618 424,616	1,417 5,385	1.76 1.27		76,369 409,255	1,346 6,117	1.76 1.49	

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Total interest-bearing liabilities												
Non-interest-bearing deposits Other	40,304				31,485				27,024			
non-interest-bearing liabilities	3,325				2,793				2,112			
Total liabilities	493,632				458,894				438,391			
Total equity	79,074				58,640				53,350			
Total liabilities and equity	\$572,706				\$517,534				\$491,741			
Net interest income		\$22,047				\$21,115				\$20,571		
Interest rate spread			4.07	%			4.30	%			4.44	%
Net interest margin Average interest-earning assets			4.22	%			4.44	%			4.57	%
to average interest-bearing liabilities			116.1	6%			111.9	8%			109.8	9%

⁽¹⁾ Includes Federal Home Loan Bank borrowings, repurchase agreements and other long-term debt.

Rate/Volume Analysis. The following table sets forth the effects of changing rates and volumes on our net interest income. The rate column shows the effects attributable to changes in rate (changes in rate multiplied by prior volume). The volume column shows the effects attributable to changes in volume (changes in volume multiplied by prior rate). The net column represents the sum of the prior columns. Changes attributable to changes in both rate and volume have been allocated proportionally based on the absolute dollar amounts of change in each.

	Year Ended September 30, 2012 Compared to Year Ended September 30, 2011 Increase (Decrease) Due to	Year Ended September 30, 2011 Compared to Year Ended September 30, 2010 Increase (Decrease) Due to			
(In thousands)	Volume Rate Net	Volume Rate Net			
Interest income:					
Interest-bearing deposits with banks	\$(21) \$14 \$(7)	\$4 \$(2) \$2			
Loans receivable	(3,830) 3,773 (57)) (232) (1,297) (1,529)			
Investment securities	201 (235) (34)) 2,027 (485) 1,542			
Mortgage-backed securities	360 (79) 281	(607) 361 (246)			
Other interest-earning assets	22 17 39	- 43 43			
Total interest-earning assets	(3,268) 3,490 222	1,192 (1,380) (188)			
Interest expense:					
Deposits	488 (980) (492)) 165 (968) (803)			
Federal Home Loan Bank advances	(149) (69) (218)) 71 - 71			
Total interest-bearing liabilities	339 (1,049) (710)) 236 (968) (732)			
Net increase (decrease) in net interest income	\$(3,607) \$4,539 \$932	\$956 \$(412) \$544			

Provision for Loan Losses. The provision for loan losses decreased \$73,000, or 4.5%, from \$1.6 million for the year ended September 30, 2011 to \$1.5 million for the year ended September 30, 2012. During 2011, the Bank had net charge-offs of \$744,000 compared to \$1.3 million for 2012. The gross loan portfolio increased \$37.2 million from \$363.0 million at September 30, 2011 to \$400.2 million at September 30, 2012, primarily in the residential real estate and commercial real estate mortgage portfolios. Nonperforming loans decreased \$1.5 million from \$7.3 million at September 30, 2011 to \$5.8 million at September 30, 2012, due primarily to one borrower with outstanding loans totaling \$1.9 million on non accrual status at September 30, 2011 who has paid all of the loans current and was on accrual status at September 30, 2012. The consistent application of management's allowance for loan losses methodology resulted in an increase in the level of the allowance for loan losses consistent with the increase in net charge-offs during 2012. See "Analysis of Nonperforming and Classified Assets" included herein. It is management's assessment that the allowance for loan losses at September 30, 2012 was adequate and appropriately reflected the inherent risk of loss in the Bank's loan portfolio at that date.

Noninterest Income. Noninterest income increased \$414,000, or 13.8%, from \$3.0 million for the year ended September 30, 2011 to \$3.4 million for the year ended September 30, 2012. The increase is due primarily to a gain of \$324,000 on a life insurance policy during 2012, an increase in net investment securities gains of \$143,000 from \$104,000 for 2011 to \$247,000 for 2012, an increase in other income of \$119,000 from \$748,000 for 2011 to \$867,000 for 2012 and an increase in commission income of \$33,000 from \$250,000 for 2011 to \$283,000 for 2012. The increase in net securities gains was due to gains on the trading account securities portfolio and the increase in other income was due primarily to increase in surcharge, interchange and other fee income sources. These increases and additional gains were partially offset by a decrease in service charges on deposits accounts of \$77,000, which is the Bank's principal source of noninterest income, a decrease in net gains on sales of loans of \$91,000 from \$288,000 for 2011 to \$197,000 for 2012, and a decrease in earning on life insurance of \$25,000 from \$314,000 for 2011 to \$289,000 for 2012. The decrease in service charges on deposit accounts was due primarily to a decrease in overdraft fee income and the decrease in net gains on sales of loans was due primarily to the sale of the Bank's \$1.2 million credit card portfolio in 2011, which resulted in a gain of \$104,000 during 2011.

Noninterest Expense. Noninterest expenses increased \$1.2 million, or 7.1%, from \$16.3 million for the year ended September 30, 2011 \$17.5 million for the year ended September 30, 2012. The increase was due primarily to increases in compensation and benefits expense of \$326,000, data processing expense of \$292,000, advertising expense of \$225,000, professional fees of \$408,000, occupancy and equipment expense of \$79,000, and other operating expenses of \$140,000, which more than offset decreases in FDIC insurance premiums of \$107,000 and net losses on foreclosed real estate of \$207,000. The increase in compensation and benefits expense is due primarily to normal salary, wages and benefits increases, plus the addition of employees as a result of the acquisition of the First Federal branches. The increase in advertising expense was due primarily to a rebranding and advertising campaign for the Bank's new 'look' and logo that was launched in September 2011. The increases in data processing and professional fees expenses are due primarily to expenditures associated with the acquisition and integration of the First Federal branches. The decrease in net losses on foreclosed real estate is due primarily to decreases in write-downs and net operating expenses related to foreclosed properties during 2012, and a net gain on sales of foreclosed real estate during 2012 as compared to a net loss on sales during 2011.

Income Tax Expense. The Company recognized income tax expense of \$1.5 million for the year ended September 30, 2012, for an effective tax rate of 25.4%, compared to income tax expense of \$1.7 million, for an effective tax rate of 29.5%, for the year ended September 30, 2011. The lower effective tax rate for the year ended September 30, 2012 was due primarily to a higher level of tax exempt income for 2012. See Note 18 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements beginning on page F-1 of this annual report for additional information regarding income taxes.

Risk Management

Overview. Managing risk is essential to successfully managing a financial institution. Our most prominent risk exposures are credit risk, interest rate risk and market risk. Credit risk is the risk of not collecting the interest and/or the principal balance of a loan or investment when it is due. Interest rate risk is the potential reduction of interest income as a result of changes in interest rates. Market risk arises from fluctuations in interest rates that may result in changes in the values of financial instruments, such as available-for-sale securities that are accounted for on a mark-to-market basis. Other risks that we face are operational risks, liquidity risks and reputation risk. Operational risks include risks related to fraud, regulatory compliance, processing errors, technology and disaster recovery. Liquidity risk is the possible inability to fund obligations to depositors, lenders or borrowers. Reputation risk is the risk that negative publicity or press, whether true or not, could cause a decline in our customer base or revenue or in the value of our common stock once we become a public company. The Company has implemented an enterprise risk management structure during 2012 in order to better manage and mitigate these identified and perceived risks.

Credit Risk Management. Our strategy for credit risk management focuses on having well-defined credit policies and uniform underwriting criteria and providing prompt attention to potential problem loans.

When a borrower fails to make a required loan payment, we take a number of steps to have the borrower cure the delinquency and restore the loan to current status. When the loan becomes 15 days past due, a late notice is sent to the borrower and a late fee is assessed. When the loan becomes 30 days past due, a more formal letter is sent. Between 15 and 30 days past due, telephone calls are also made to the borrower. After 30 days, we regard the borrower as in default. The borrower may be sent a letter from our attorney and we may commence collection proceedings. If a foreclosure action is instituted and the loan is not brought current, paid in full, or refinanced before the foreclosure sale, the real property securing the loan generally is sold at foreclosure. Generally, when a consumer loan becomes 60 days past due, we institute collection proceedings and attempt to repossess any personal property that secures the loan. Generally, we institute foreclosure proceedings when a loan is 60 days past due. Management obtains the approval of the Board of Directors to proceed with foreclosure of property. Management informs the Board of Directors monthly of all loans in nonaccrual status, all loans in foreclosure and all repossessed property and assets that we own.

Analysis of Nonperforming and Classified Assets. We consider non-accrual loans, troubled debt restructurings, repossessed assets and loans that are 90 days or more past due to be nonperforming assets. Loans are generally placed on non-accrual status when they become 90 days delinquent at which time the accrual of interest ceases and the allowance for any uncollectible accrued interest is established and charged against operations. Typically, payments received on a non-accrual loan are first applied to the outstanding principal balance.

Real estate that we acquire as a result of foreclosure or by deed-in-lieu of foreclosure is classified as real estate owned until it is sold. When property is acquired it is recorded at its fair market value less estimated costs to sell at the date of foreclosure. Holding costs and declines in fair value after acquisition of the property result in charges against income. See Note 8 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements beginning on page F-1 of this annual report for additional information regarding foreclosed real estate.

The following table provides information with respect to our nonperforming assets at the dates indicated. Included in nonperforming loans are loans for which the Bank has modified the repayment terms, and therefore are considered to be troubled debt restructurings. The Bank had twenty-six troubled debt restructurings totaling \$6.8 million, which were performing according to their terms and on accrual status, as of September 30, 2012. See Note 5 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements beginning on page F-1 of this annual report for additional information regarding trouble debt restructurings.

	At Septem	nber 30,			
(Dollars in thousands)	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
Non-accrual loans:					
Residential real estate	\$2,775	\$3,758	\$2,753	\$1,995	\$472
Commercial real estate	899	1,133	843	1,022	_
Multi-family	_	_	_	_	_
Construction	174	174	490	461	_
Land and land development	_	340	_	537	33
Commercial business	66	2	207	572	119
Consumer	175	215	303	145	174
Total (1)	4,089	5,622	4,596	4,732	798
Accruing loans past due 90 days or more:					
Residential real estate	1,548	603	602	128	678
Commercial real estate	3	949	327	_	_
Multi-family	_	_	_	_	_
Construction	_	_	272	228	_
Land and land development	_	_	_	_	_
Commercial business	98	99	137	67	_
Consumer	94	61	62	119	175
Total	1,743	1,712	1,400	542	853
Total non-performing loans	5,832	7,334	5,996	5,274	1,651

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Trouble debt restructurings classified as performing loans:										
Residential real estate	2,993		1,499		_		_		_	
Commercial real estate	1,290		812		_		_		_	
Multifamily	2,356		_		_		_		_	
Commercial business	14		_		_		_		_	
Consumer	158		_		_		_		_	
Total troubled debt restructurings classified as performing loans	6,811		2,311		-		_		_	
Real estate owned	1,481		1,028		1,331	1	1,589)	390	
Other non-performing assets	_		126		171		64		146	
Total non-performing assets	\$14,124		\$10,799)	\$7,498	3	\$6,927	7	\$2,187	1
Total non-performing loans to total loans	1.46	%	2.02	%	1.71	%	1.47	%	0.93	%
Total non-performing loans to total assets	0.91	%	1.37	%	1.17	%	1.10	%	0.72	%
Total non-performing assets to total assets	2.21	%	2.01	%	1.47	%	1.44	%	0.96	%

Total nonaccrual loans at September 30, 2010 includes four trouble debt restructurings totaling \$592,000 that were on non-accrual as of that date.

Federal regulations require us to review and classify our assets on a regular basis. In addition, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency has the authority to identify problem assets and, if appropriate, require them to be classified. There are three classifications for problem assets: substandard, doubtful and loss. "Substandard assets" must have one or more defined weaknesses and are characterized by the distinct possibility that we will sustain some loss if the deficiencies are not corrected. "Doubtful assets" have the weaknesses of substandard assets with the additional characteristic that the weaknesses make collection or liquidation in full on the basis of currently existing facts, conditions and values questionable, and there is a high possibility of loss. An asset classified "loss" is considered uncollectible and of such little value that continuance as an asset of the institution, without establishment of a specific allowance or charge-off, is not warranted. The regulations also provide for a "special mention" category, described as assets which do not currently expose us to a sufficient degree of risk to warrant classification but do possess credit deficiencies or potential weaknesses deserving our close attention. When we classify an asset as doubtful we may establish a specific allowance for loan losses. If we classify an asset as loss, we charge off an amount equal to 100% of the portion of the asset classified loss.

The following table shows the aggregate amounts of investment in classified assets at the dates indicated.

	At September 30,								
(In thousands)	2012	2011	2010						
Special mention assets	\$10,595	\$6,962	\$7,610						
Substandard assets (1)	21,253	25,835	12,332						
Doubtful assets	1,055	1,317	3,221						
Loss assets	_	_	_						
Total classified assets	\$32,903	\$34,114	\$23,163						

(1) Includes substandard loans and investment securities.

Classified assets includes loans that are classified due to factors other than payment delinquencies, such as lack of current financial statements and other required documentation, insufficient cash flows or other deficiencies, and, therefore, are not included as non-performing assets. Other than as disclosed in the above tables, there are no other loans where management has serious doubts about the ability of the borrowers to comply with the present loan repayment terms. Classified assets also include investment securities that have experienced a downgrade of the security's credit quality rating by various rating agencies.

At September 30, 2012, the Company held eighteen privately-issued CMO and ABS securities with an aggregate amortized cost of \$3.0 million and fair value of \$3.9 million that have been downgraded to a substandard regulatory classification due to a downgrade of the security's credit quality rating by various rating agencies. Based on an independent third party analysis, the Bank expects to collect the contractual principal and interest cash flows for these securities and, as a result, no other-than-temporary impairment has been recognized on the privately-issued CMO or ABS portfolio. At September 30, 2011, the Company held twenty privately-issued CMO and ABS securities with an aggregate amortized cost of \$6.0 million and fair value of \$7.0 million that had been downgraded to a substandard

regulatory classification due to a downgrade of the security's credit quality rating by various rating agencies.

Delinquencies. The following table provides information about delinquencies in our loan portfolio at the dates indicated.

	At September 30, 2012					At September 30, 2011				
	30-89	30-89 Dave		90 Days or More		Days	90 Days or More			
	Num	b & rincipal	Nun	Num bai ncipal		Numb@rincipal		Num Bai ncipal		
(Dollars in thousands)	of	Balance	of	Balance	of	Balance	of	Balance		
	Loan	s of Loans	Loans Loans		Loans of Loans		Loanof Loans			
Residential real estate	88	\$ 6,400	42	\$ 4,055	66	\$ 4,911	28	\$ 2,191		
Commercial real estate	4	120	4	842	4	613	6	1,966		
Multi-family	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_		
Construction	_	_	_	_	_	_	2	174		
Land and land development.	2	50	_	_	1	45	1	341		
Commercial business	5	107	3	163	7	1,040	3	100		
Consumer	39	380	11	176	39	515	14	145		
Total	138	\$ 7,057	60	\$ 5,237	117	\$ 7,124	54	\$ 4,917		

	At September 30,							
	2010)						
	20.9	39 Days	90 Days or					
	30-c	by Days	More					
	Nun	n Peri ncipal	Num Bri ncipal					
(Dollars in thousands)	of	Balance	of	Balance				
	Loa	nof Loans	Loanof Loans					
Residential real estate	25	\$ 1,926	34	\$ 2,604				
Commercial real estate	5	653	6	1,159				
Multi-family	1	650	_	_				
Construction	1	156	6	749				
Land and land development	1	40	_	_				
Commercial business	6	483	5	343				
Consumer	33	248	13	211				
Total	72	\$ 4,156	64	\$ 5,066				

Analysis and Determination of the Allowance for Loan Losses.

The allowance for loan losses is a valuation allowance for probable losses inherent in the loan portfolio. We evaluate the need to establish allowances against losses on loans on a quarterly basis. When additional allowances are necessary, a provision for loan losses is charged to earnings.

Our methodology for assessing the appropriateness of the allowance for loan losses consists of: (1) a specific allowance required for identified problem loans; (2) a general allowance on the remainder of the loan portfolio; and (3) an unallocated allowance to cover uncertainties that could affect management's estimate of probable losses. Although we determine the amount of each element of the allowance separately, the entire allowance for loan losses is available to absorb losses in the loan portfolio.

Specific Allowance Required for Identified Problem Loans. For doubtful loans that are also classified as impaired we establish a specific allowance when the discounted cash flows (or collateral value or observable market price) of the impaired loan is lower than the carrying value of the loan.

General Allowance on the Remainder of the Loan Portfolio. We establish a general allowance for loans that are not currently classified in order to recognize the inherent losses associated with lending activities. The general allowance covers non-classified loans and is based on historical loss experience adjusted for qualitative factors such as changes in economic conditions, changes in the volume of past due and non-accrual loans and classified assets, changes in the nature and volume of the portfolio, changes in the value of underlying collateral for collateral dependent loans, concentrations of credit, and other factors.

Unallocated Allowance. We may establish an unallocated allowance to cover uncertainties that could affect management's estimate of probable losses. Any unallocated component of the allowance reflects the margin of imprecision inherent in the underlying assumptions used in the methodologies for estimate specific and general losses in the loan portfolio. There was no unallocated allowance for loan losses at September 30, 2012 and 2011.

The following table sets forth the breakdown of the allowance for loan losses by loan category at the dates indicated.

	At Septe 2012	ember 30,		2011			2010		% of
(Dollars in thousands)	Amount	% of Allowance to Total Allowance	Category	Amount	Allowance	Category	Amount	to Total	Category
		Allowance	Loans			Loans		Allowance	to Total
Residential real estate Commercial real estate Multi-family Construction Land and land development Commercial business Consumer	\$908 2,204 389 52 2 1,084 267	18.51 % 44.92 7.93 1.06 0.04 22.10 5.44	47.72 % 22.56 5.97 3.98 3.08 9.04 7.65	\$833 1,314 604 56 53 1,525 287	17.83 % 28.13 12.93 1.20 1.13 32.64 6.14	46.65 % 20.25 6.86 3.34 3.57 11.19 8.14	\$1,242 600 369 218 62 891 429	32.59 % 15.74 9.68 5.72 1.63 23.38 11.26	Loans 49.33 % 15.45 5.84 7.38 2.60 8.86 10.54
Total allowance for loan losses	\$4,906	100.00 %	100.00 %		100.00 %	100.00 %		100.00 %	100.00 %

	At Septe	ember 30,								
	2009					2008				
(Dollars in thousands)	Amount	% of Allowance to Total Allowance		% of Loans in Category to Total Loans		Amount	% of Allowance to Total Allowance		% of Loans in Category to Total Loans	
Residential real estate	\$1,493	40.40	%	51.61	%	\$622	35.97	%	64.20	%
Commercial real estate	271	7.33		13.36		220	12.73		8.74	
Multi-family	_	_		3.50		_	_		1.86	
Construction	302	8.17		6.17		_	_		4.63	
Land and land development	258	6.98		3.11		50	2.89		2.69	

Commercial business	444	12.02		10.25	196	11.34		8.15	
Consumer	927	25.10		12.00	641	37.07		9.73	
Total allowance for loan losses	\$3 695	100 00	%	100.00	% \$1729	100.00	%	100.00	%

Although we believe that we use the best information available to establish the allowance for loan losses, future adjustments to the allowance for loan losses may be necessary and our results of operations could be adversely affected if circumstances differ substantially from the assumptions used in making the determinations. Furthermore, while we believe we have established our allowance for loan losses in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles, there can be no assurance that the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, in reviewing our loan portfolio, will not require us to increase our allowance for loan losses. The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency may require us to increase our allowance for loan losses based on judgments different from ours. In addition, because future events affecting borrowers and collateral cannot be predicted with certainty, there can be no assurance that the existing allowance for loan losses is adequate or that increases will not be necessary should the quality of any loans deteriorate as a result of the factors discussed above. Any material increase in the allowance for loan losses may adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations.

Analysis of Loan Loss Experience.

The following table sets forth an analysis of the allowance for loan losses for the periods indicated.

	Year End	led Septem	ber 30,		
(Dollars in thousands)	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
Allowance for loan losses at beginning of period	\$4,672	\$3,811	\$3,695	\$1,729	\$1,297
Provision for loan losses	1,532	1,605	1,604	819	1,540
Charge offs:					
Residential real estate	510	651	334	580	1,085
Commercial real estate	543	68	_	_	_
Multi-family	85	_	_	_	_
Construction	_	8	_	_	_
Land and land development	_	_	5	_	_
Commercial business	33	86	964	39	_
Consumer	304	287	340	209	153
Total charge-offs	1,475	1,100	1,643	828	1,238
Recoveries:					
Residential real estate	109	79	68	57	_
Commercial real estate	_	_	_	_	110
Multi-family	_	_	_	_	_
Land and land development	_	_	_	_	_
Construction	_	_	_	_	_
Commercial business	2	214	_	_	_
Consumer	66	63	87	82	20
Total recoveries	177	356	155	139	130
Net charge-offs	1,298	744	1,488	689	1,108
Increase due to acquisition of Community First	_	_	_	1,836	_
Allowance for loan losses at end of period	\$4,906	\$4,672	\$3,811	\$3,695	\$1,729
Allowance for loan losses to non-performing loans	84.12%	63.70%	63.88%	70.06%	104.72%
Allowance for loan losses to total loans outstanding at the end of	1.23 %	1.29 %	1.09 %	1.03 %	0.98 %
the period					
Net charge-offs to average loans outstanding during the period	0.35 %	0.21 %	0.42 %	0.38 %	0.64 %

Interest Rate Risk Management. We manage the interest rate sensitivity of our interest-bearing liabilities and interest-earning assets in an effort to minimize the adverse effects of changes in the interest rate environment. Deposit accounts typically react more quickly to changes in market interest rates than mortgage loans because of the shorter maturities of deposits. As a result, sharp increases in interest rates may adversely affect our earnings while decreases in interest rates may beneficially affect our earnings. To reduce the potential volatility of our earnings, we have sought to improve the match between asset and liability maturities and rates, while maintaining an acceptable interest rate

spread. Our strategy for managing interest rate risk emphasizes: adjusting the maturities of borrowings; adjusting the investment portfolio mix and duration and generally selling in the secondary market substantially all newly originated one-to four-family residential real estate loans. We currently do not participate in hedging programs, interest rate swaps or other activities involving the use of derivative financial instruments; however, we acquired an interest rate cap contract in the acquisition of Community First. See Note 23 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements beginning on page F-1 of this annual report for additional information regarding the use of derivative instruments.

We have an Asset/Liability Management Committee, which includes members of management approved by the Board of Directors, to communicate, coordinate and control all aspects involving asset/liability management. The committee establishes and monitors the volume, maturities, pricing and mix of assets and funding sources with the objective of managing assets and funding sources to provide results that are consistent with liquidity, growth, risk limits and profitability goals.

Our goal is to manage asset and liability positions to moderate the effects of interest rate fluctuations on net interest income and net income.

Market Risk Analysis. An element in our ongoing process is to measure and monitor interest rate risk using a Net Interest Income at Risk simulation to model the interest rate sensitivity of the balance sheet and to quantify the impact of changing interest rates on the Company. The model quantifies the effects of various possible interest rate scenarios on projected net interest income over a one-year horizon. The model assumes a semi-static balance sheet and measures the impact on net interest income relative to a base case scenario of hypothetical changes in interest rates over twelve months and provides no effect given to any steps that management might take to counter the effect of the interest rate movements. The scenarios include prepayment assumptions, changes in the level of interest rates, the shape of the yield curve, and spreads between market interest rates in order to capture the impact from re-pricing, yield curve, option, and basis risks.

Results of our simulation modeling, which assumes an immediate and sustained parallel shift in market interest rates, project that the Company's net interest income could change as follows over a one-year horizon, relative to our base case scenario, based on September 30, 2012 financial information. The Company implemented the Net Interest Income at Risk simulation during 2012 and therefore does not have comparable information for the year ended September 30, 2011.

	At September 30,						
	2012						
Immediate Change	One Year He	orizon					
in the Level	Dollar	Percent					
of Interest Rates	Change	Change					
	(Dollars in the	housands)					
300bp	\$ 411	1.80	%				
200bp	274	1.20					
100bp	107	0.47					
Static	-	-					
(100)bp	6	0.03					

The Company also has longer term interest rate risk exposure, which may not be appropriately measured by Net Interest Income at Risk modeling, and therefore uses an Economic Value of Equity ("EVE") interest rate sensitivity

analysis in order to evaluate the impact of its interest rate risk on earnings and capital. This is measured by computing the changes in net EVE for its cash flows from assets, liabilities and off-balance sheet items in the event of a range of assumed changes in market interest rates. EVE modeling involves discounting present values of all cash flows for on and off balance sheet items under different interest rate scenarios and provides no effect given to any steps that management might take to counter the effect of the interest rate movements. The discounted present value of all cash flows represents the Company's EVE and is equal to the market value of assets minus the market value of liabilities, with adjustments made for off-balance sheet items. The amount of base case EVE and its sensitivity to shifts in interest rates provide a measure of the longer term re-pricing and option risk in the balance sheet.

Results of our simulation modeling, which assumes an immediate and sustained parallel shift in market interest rates, project that Company's EVE could change as follows, relative to our base case scenario, based on September 30, 2012 financial information.

	At Septer	mber 30, 20	12					
Immediate Change	Economic Value of Equity			Economic Value of Equity as a				
in the Level	Dollar	Dollar	Percent	Percent of Present Value of Assets				
of Interest Rates	Amount	Change	Change	EVE Ratio		Change		
	(Dollars in thousands)							
300bp	\$69,309	\$(14,990)	(17.78)%	11.99	%	(120) bp	
200bp	76,110	(8,189)	(9.71)	12.70		(49) bp	
100bp	82,119	(2,180)	(2.59)	13.23		4	bp	
Static	84,299	-	-	13.19		-	bp	
(100)bp	82,060	(2,239)	(2.66)	12.67		(52) bp	

The models are driven by expected behavior in various interest rate scenarios and many factors besides market interest rates affect the Company's net interest income and EVE. For this reason, we model many different combinations of interest rates and balance sheet assumptions to understand its overall sensitivity to market interest rate changes. Therefore, as with any method of measuring interest rate risk, certain shortcomings are inherent in the method of analysis presented in the foregoing tables and it's recognized that the model outputs are not guarantees of actual results. For example, although certain assets and liabilities may have similar maturities or periods to repricing, they may react in different degrees to changes in market interest rates. Also, the interest rates on certain types of assets and liabilities may fluctuate in advance of changes in market interest rates, while interest rates on other types may lag behind changes in market rates. Additionally, certain assets, such as adjustable-rate mortgage loans, have features that restrict changes in interest rates on a short-term basis and over the life of the asset. Further, in the event of a change in interest rates, expected rates of prepayments on loans and early withdrawals from certificates of deposit could deviate significantly from those assumed in calculating the table.

Liquidity Management. Liquidity is the ability to meet current and future short-term financial obligations. Our primary sources of funds consist of deposit inflows, loan repayments, maturities and sales of investment securities and borrowings from the FHLBI. While maturities and scheduled amortization of loans and securities are predictable sources of funds, deposit flows and mortgage prepayments are greatly influenced by general interest rates, economic conditions and competition.

The Bank regularly adjusts its investments in liquid assets based upon our assessment of (1) expected loan demand, (2) expected deposit flows, (3) yields available on interest-earning deposits and securities and (4) the objectives of our asset/liability management policy.

The Bank's most liquid assets are cash and cash equivalents and interest-bearing deposits. The levels of these assets depend on our operating, financing, lending and investing activities during any given period. At September 30, 2012, cash and cash equivalents totaled \$38.8 million. Securities classified as trading and available-for-sale, amounting to \$3.6 million and \$152.5 million, respectively, at September 30, 2012, provide additional sources of liquidity. At September 30, 2012, we had the ability to borrow a total of approximately \$108.0 million from the FHLBI, of which \$53.1 million was borrowed and outstanding. See Note 13 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements beginning on page F-1 of this annual report for additional information regarding FHLBI borrowings. In addition, we had the ability to borrow the lesser of \$10 million or 25% of the Bank's equity capital, excluding reserves, using a federal funds purchased line of credit facility with another financial institution at September 30, 2012. The Bank had no outstanding federal funds purchased under the facility at September 30, 2012. See Note 11 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements beginning on page F-1 of this annual report for additional information regarding federal funds purchased borrowings.

At September 30, 2012, the Bank had \$55.3 million in commitments to extend credit outstanding. Certificates of deposit due within one year of September 30, 2012 totaled \$110.7 million, or 51.1% of certificates of deposit. We believe the large percentage of certificates of deposit that mature within one year reflects customers' hesitancy to invest their funds for long periods due to the recent low interest rate environment and local competitive pressure. If these maturing deposits do not remain with us, we will be required to seek other sources of funds, including other certificates of deposit and borrowings. Depending on market conditions, we may be required to pay higher rates on such deposits or other borrowings than we currently pay on the certificates of deposit due on or before September 30, 2013. We believe, however, based on past experience that a significant portion of our certificates of deposit will remain with us. We have the ability to attract and retain deposits by adjusting the interest rates offered.

The Company is a separate legal entity from the Bank and must provide for its own liquidity to pay its operating expenses and other financial obligations, to pay any dividends and to repurchase any of its outstanding common stock. The Company's primary source of income is dividends received from the Bank. The amount of dividends that the Bank may declare and pay to the Company in any calendar year, without the receipt of prior approval from the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency ("OCC") but with prior notice to OCC, cannot exceed net income for that year to date plus retained net income (as defined) for the preceding two calendar years. At September 30, 2012, the Company had liquid assets of \$1.9 million.

The following tables present certain of our contractual obligations as of September 30, 2012.

		Payments due by period Less				
(In thousands)	Total	than	One to	Three to	More Than	
(III tilousulus)		One	Three Years	Five Years	Five Years	
		Year				
Deferred director fee agreements	\$574	\$5	\$ 9	\$ 9	\$ 551	
Deferred compensation agreements (1)	175	37	81	57	_	
Operating lease obligations	26	22	4	_	_	
Repurchase agreements	1,329	1,329	_	_	_	
FHLBI borrowings	53,062	18,062	20,000	15,000	_	
Other long-term debt (2)	2,132	71	151	163	1,747	
Total	\$57,298	\$19,256	\$ 20,245	\$ 15,229	\$ 2,298	

Includes deferred compensation agreement with a former officer that calls for annual payments of \$9,000 until his death.

Represents outstanding principal balance on a \$5.0 million loan agreement with another financial institution to finance a retail development project. The loan calls for 12 interest only monthly payments, followed by 107 monthly payments sufficient to fully amortize the loan over a 20 year period and a balloon payment of all

⁽²⁾ outstanding principal and interest at maturity on July 27, 2022. Since the development is not completed and the loan is not fully disbursed, future maturities of other long-term debt are based on the amount outstanding under the loan agreement at September 30, 2012.

Our primary investing activities are the origination of loans and the purchase of securities. Our primary financing activities consist of activity in deposit accounts and FHLBI borrowings. Deposit flows are affected by the overall level of interest rates, the interest rates and products offered by us and our local competitors and other factors. We generally manage the pricing of our deposits to be competitive. Occasionally, we offer promotional rates on certain deposit products to attract deposits.

Financing and Investing Activities

The following table presents our primary investing and financing activities during the periods indicated.

	Year Ended September 30,		
(In thousands)	2012	2011	2010
Investing activities:			
Loan purchases		\$-	\$-
Loan originations	(93,666)	(98,147)	(66,466)
Loan principal repayments	82,466	71,898	69,891
Loan sales	12,385	13,229	7,848
Proceeds from maturities and principal repayments of investment securities	25,847	32,204	35,971
Proceeds from maturities and principal repayments of mortgage-backed securities		6,177	12,356
Proceeds from sales of investment securities available- for-sale		6,941	3,666
Proceeds from sales of mortgage-backed securities available-for-sale		154	20,244
Purchases of investment securities		(39,813)	(92,742)
Purchases of mortgage-backed securities		(9,157)	(10,020)
Financing activities:			
Increase (decrease) in deposits		21,465	15,345
Decrease in federal funds purchased		_	(1,180)
Decrease in repurchase agreements		(418)	(418)
Increase (decrease) in Federal Home Loan Bank borrowings		(14,022)	11,386
Increase other long-term debt	2,132	_	_

Capital Management. The Bank is subject to various regulatory capital requirements administered by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, including a risk-based capital measure. The risk-based capital guidelines include both a definition of capital and a framework for calculating risk-weighted assets by assigning balance sheet assets and off-balance sheet items to broad risk categories. At September 30, 2012, the Bank exceeded all of its regulatory capital requirements. The Bank is considered "well capitalized" under regulatory guidelines. See "Item 1. Business — Regulation and Supervision — Regulation of Federal Savings Associations — Capital Requirement," and Note 27 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements beginning on page F-1 of this annual report.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements. In the normal course of operations, we engage in a variety of financial transactions that, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, are not recorded in our financial statements. These transactions involve, to varying degrees, elements of credit, interest rate and liquidity risk. Such transactions are used primarily to manage customers' requests for funding and take the form of loan commitments and lines of credit. For information about our loan commitments and unused lines of credit, see Note 19 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements beginning on page F-1 of this annual report.

For the year ended September 30, 2012, we did not engage in any off-balance sheet transactions reasonably likely to have a material effect on our financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

Impact of Recent Accounting Pronouncements

For a discussion of the impact of recent accounting pronouncements, see Note 1 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements beginning on page F-1 of this annual report.

Effect of Inflation and Changing Prices

The consolidated financial statements and related financial data presented in this annual report have been prepared according to generally accepted accounting principles in the United States, which require the measurement of financial position and operating results in terms of historical dollars without considering the change in the relative purchasing power of money over time due to inflation. The primary impact of inflation on our operations is reflected in increased operating costs. Unlike most industrial companies, virtually all the assets and liabilities of a financial institution are monetary in nature. As a result, interest rates generally have a more significant impact on a financial institution's performance than do general levels of inflation. Interest rates do not necessarily move in the same direction or to the same extent as the prices of goods and services.

Item 7A. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

The information required by this item is incorporated herein by reference to Part II, "Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operation."

Item 8. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

Information required by this item is included herein beginning on page F-1.

Item CHANGES IN AND DISAGREEMENTS WITH ACCOUNTANTS ON ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

None.

Item 9A. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

(a) Disclosure Controls and Procedures

The Company's management, including the Company's principal executive officer and principal financial officer, have evaluated the effectiveness of the Company's "disclosure controls and procedures," as such term is defined in Rule 13a-15(e) promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, (the "Exchange Act"). Based upon their

evaluation, the principal executive officer and principal financial officer concluded that, as of the end of the period covered by this report, the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective for the purpose of ensuring that the information required to be disclosed in the reports that the Company files or submits under the Exchange Act with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") (1) is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms, and (2) is accumulated and communicated to the Company's management, including its principal executive and principal financial officers, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

(b) Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

The management of the Company is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting. The internal control process has been designed under our supervision to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of the Company's financial statements for external reporting purposes in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Management conducted an assessment of the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of September 30, 2012, utilizing the framework established in Internal Control – Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO). Based on this assessment, management has determined that the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of September 30, 2012 is effective.

Our internal control over financial reporting includes policies and procedures that pertain to the maintenance of records that accurately and fairly reflect, in reasonable detail, transactions and dispositions of assets; and provide reasonable assurances that: (1) transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States; (2) receipts and expenditures are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and the directors of the Company; and (3) unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the Company's assets that could have a material effect on the Company's financial statements are prevented or timely detected.

All internal control systems, no matter how well designed, have inherent limitations. Therefore, even those systems determined to be effective can provide only reasonable assurance with respect to financial statement preparation and presentation. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

This annual report does not include an attestation report of the Company's registered public accounting firm regarding internal control over financial reporting. Management's report was not subject to attestation by the Company's registered public accounting firm pursuant to rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission that permit the Company to provide only management's report in this annual report.

(c) Changes to Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

There were no changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting during the three months ended September 30, 2013 that have materially affected, or are reasonable likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

Item 9B. OTHER INFORMATION

None.

PART III

Item 10. DIRECTORS, EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The information relating to the directors and officers of the Company, information regarding compliance with Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act and information regarding the audit committee and audit committee financial expert is incorporated herein by reference to the sections captioned "Item 1 – Election of Directors," "Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance," and "Audit Committee" in the Company's Proxy Statement for the 2012 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the "Proxy Statement").

The Company has adopted a code of ethics and business conduct which applies to all of the Company's and the Bank's directors, officers and employees. A copy of the code of ethics and business conduct is available to stockholders on the Investor Relations portion of the Bank's website at www.fsbbank.net.

Item 11. EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

The information regarding executive compensation is incorporated herein by reference to the sections captioned "Director Compensation" and "Executive Compensation" in the Proxy Statement.

Item SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT AND 12. RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS

(a) Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners

Information required by this item is incorporated herein by reference to the section captioned "Stock Ownership" in the Proxy Statement.

(b) Security Ownership of Management

Information required by this item is incorporated herein by reference to the section captioned "Stock Ownership" in the Proxy Statement.

(c) Changes in Control

Management of the Company knows of no arrangements, including any pledge by any person of securities of the Company, the operation of which may at a subsequent date result in a change in control of the registrant.

(d) Equity Compensation Plan Information

The following table sets forth information as of September 30, 2012 about Company common stock that may be issued under the Company's equity compensation plans. All plans were approved by the Company's stockholders.

Plan category	Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights (a)	Weighted-average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights (b)	e
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders	254,204	\$ 13.25	-
	N/A	N/A	N/A

Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders

Total 254,204 \$ 13.25 -

Item 13. CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS, AND DIRECTOR INDEPENDENCE

The information relating to certain relationships and related transactions and director independence is incorporated herein by reference to the sections captioned "Transactions with Related Persons" and "Director Independence" in the Proxy Statement.

Item 14. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING FEES AND SERVICES

The information relating to the principal accountant fees and expenses is incorporated herein by reference to the section captioned "Ratification of the Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm" in the Proxy Statement.

PART IV

Item 15. EXHIBITS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES

- The financial statements required in response to this item are incorporated by reference from Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.
- (2) All financial statement schedules are omitted because they are not required or applicable, or the required information is shown in the consolidated financial statements or the notes thereto.

(3) Exhibits

No. Description

- 3.1 Articles of Incorporation of First Savings Financial Group, Inc. (1)
- 3.2 Articles of Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation for the Series A Preferred Stock (2)
- 3.3 Bylaws of First Savings Financial Group, Inc. (1)
- 4.0 Specimen Stock Certificate of First Savings Financial Group, Inc. (1)
- Amended and Restated Employment Agreement by and among First Savings Financial Group, Inc., First Savings Bank, F.S.B. and Larry W. Myers, dated October 7, 2009* (3)
- Amended and Restated Employment Agreement by and among First Savings Financial Group, Inc., First Savings Bank, F.S.B. and John P. Lawson, Jr., dated October 7, 2009* (3)
- Amended and Restated Employment Agreement by and among First Savings Financial Group, Inc., First Savings Bank, F.S.B. and Anthony A. Schoen, dated October 7, 2009* (3)
- Amended and Restated Employment Agreement by and among First Savings Financial Group, Inc., First Savings Bank, F.S.B. and Samuel E. Eckart, dated October 7, 2009* (3)
- 10.5 First Savings Bank, F.S.B. Employee Severance Compensation Plan* (4)
- 10.6 First Savings Bank, F.S.B. Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan* (4)
- Securities Purchase Agreement, dated August 11, 2011, between the Company and the Secretary of the Treasury with respect to the Series A Preferred Stock (2)
- 10.8 Amended and Restated Director Deferred Compensation Agreement * (1)
- 21.0 Subsidiaries of the Registrant
- 23.0 Consent of Monroe Shine & Co., Inc.
- 31.1 Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certificate of Chief Executive Officer
- 31.2 Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certificate of Chief Financial Officer
- 32.0 Section 1350 Certificate of Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer
- * Management contract or compensatory plan, contract or arrangement Incorporated herein by reference to the exhibits to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-151636), as amended, initially filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 13, 2008.

- (2) Incorporated by reference to the exhibits to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 17, 2011.
- (3) Incorporated herein by reference to the exhibits to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on October 8, 2009.
- (4) Incorporated herein by reference to the exhibits to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on October 10, 2008.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) 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 SAVINGS FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.

Date: December 31, 2012 By:/s/ Larry W. Myers

Larry W. Myers

President, Chief Executive Officer and Director

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Name	Title	Date
/s/ Larry W. Myers Larry W. Myers	President, Chief Executive Officer and Director (principal executive officer)	December 31, 2012
/s/ Anthony A. Schoen Anthony A. Schoen	Chief Financial Officer (principal accounting and financial officer)	December 31, 2012
/s/ John P. Lawson, Jr. John P. Lawson, Jr.	Chief Operating Officer and Director	December 31, 2012
/s/ Samuel E. Eckart Samuel E. Eckart	Executive Vice President and Director	December 31, 2012
/s/ Charles E. Becht, Jr. Charles E. Becht, Jr.	Director	December 31, 2012
/s/ Cecile A. Blau Cecile A. Blau	Director	December 31, 2012
/s/ Gerald Wayne Clapp, Jr. Gerald Wayne Clapp, Jr.	Director	December 31, 2012
/s/ Michael F. Ludden Michael F. Ludden	Director	December 31, 2012

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/s/ Douglas A. York Douglas A. York	Director	December 31, 2012
/s/ Vaughn K. Timberlake Vaughn K. Timberlake	Director	December 31, 2012
/s/ Frank N. Czeschin Frank N. Czeschin	Director	December 31, 2012

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Board of Directors and Shareholders

First Savings Financial Group, Inc.

Clarksville, Indiana

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of **First Savings Financial Group, Inc. and Subsidiaries** as of September 30, 2012 and 2011, and the related consolidated statements of income, comprehensive income, changes in stockholders' equity and cash flows for the years then ended. The Company's management is responsible for these consolidated financial statements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free of material misstatement. The Company is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. Our audits included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of **First Savings Financial Group, Inc. and Subsidiaries** as of September 30, 2012 and 2011, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

New Albany, Indiana

December 28, 2012

Monroe Shine & Co., Inc. "Certified Public Accountants and Business Consultants

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

SEPTEMBER 30, 2012 AND 2011

(In thousands, except share and per share data)	2012	2011
ASSETS		
Cash and due from banks	\$27,569	\$18,099
Interest-bearing deposits with banks	11,222	9,104
Total cash and cash equivalents	38,791	27,203
Trading account securities, at fair value	3,562	-
Securities available for sale, at fair value	152,543	108,577
Securities held to maturity (fair value of \$8,314 in 2012 and \$9,690 in 2011)	7,848	9,506
Loans held for sale	643	_
Loans, net of allowance for loan losses of \$4,906 in 2012 and \$4,672 in 2011	389,067	354,432
Federal Home Loan Bank stock, at cost	5,400	4,400
Real estate development and construction	4,538	_
Premises and equipment	10,907	10,444
Foreclosed real estate	1,481	1,028
Accrued interest receivable:		
Loans	1,358	1,382
Securities	1,054	816
Cash surrender value of life insurance	8,548	8,548
Goodwill	7,936	5,940
Core deposit intangibles Other assets	2,413	2,154
Other assets	2,824	2,656
Total Assets	\$638,913	\$537,086
LIABILITIES		
Deposits:		
Noninterest-bearing	\$50,502	\$33,426
Interest-bearing	443,732	354,200
Total deposits	494,234	387,626
Repurchase agreements	1,329	16,403
Borrowings from Federal Home Loan Bank	53,062	53,137
Other long-term debt	2,132	-
Accrued interest payable	236	399

Advance payments by borrowers for taxes and insurance Accrued expenses and other liabilities Total Liabilities	622 4,372 555,987	330 2,590 460,485
	333,707	100,102
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Preferred stock of \$.01 par value per share; Authorized 982,880 shares; none issued	-	-
Senior Non-Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock, Series A, \$.01 par value; Authorized 17,120 shares; issued 17,120 shares; aggregate liquidation preference of \$17,120	-	-
Common stock of \$.01 par value per share; Authorized 20,000,000 shares; issued 2,542,042 shares	25	25
Additional paid-in capital	42,021	41,729
Retained earnings - substantially restricted	39,917	35,801
Accumulated other comprehensive income	5,609	3,354
Unearned ESOP shares	(1,198)	(1,343)
Unearned stock compensation	(682)	(942)
Less treasury stock, at cost - 212,361 shares (172,333 shares at September 30, 2011)	(2,766)	(2,023)
Total Stockholders' Equity	82,926	76,601
Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity	\$638,913	\$537,086

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2012 AND 2011

(In thousands, except share and per share data)	2012	2011	
INTEREST INCOME			
Loans, including fees	\$20,611	\$20,687	
Securities:			
Taxable	3,999	4,315	
Tax-exempt	1,222	851	
Dividend income	151	112	
Interest-bearing deposits with banks	11	18	
Total interest income	25,994	25,983	
INTEREST EXPENSE			
Deposits	3,476	3,968	
Repurchase agreements	67	325	
Borrowings from Federal Home Loan Bank	1,132	1,092	
Total interest expense	4,675	5,385	
Net interest income	21,319	20,598	
Provision for loan losses	1,532	1,605	
Net interest income after provision for loan losses	19,787	18,993	
NONINTEREST INCOME			
Service charges on deposit accounts	1,254	1,331	
Net gain on sales of available for sale securities	30	104	
Net gain on trading account securities	217	-	
Unrealized loss on derivative contract	(39) (27)
Net gain on sales of loans	197	288	
Increase in cash surrender value of life insurance	289	314	
Gain on life insurance	324	-	
Commission income	283	250	
Other income	867	748	
Total noninterest income	3,422	3,008	
NONINTEREST EXPENSE			
Compensation and benefits	9,079	8,753	
Occupancy and equipment	1,875	1,796	
Data processing	1,343	1,051	
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Advertising	609	384
Professional fees	979	571
FDIC insurance premiums	368	475
Net loss on foreclosed real estate	199	406
Other operating expenses	3,012	2,872
Total noninterest expense	17,464	16,308
Income before income taxes	5,745	5,693
Income tax expense	1,458	1,679
Net Income	\$4,287	\$4,014
Preferred stock dividends declared	171	115
Net Income Available to Common Shareholders	\$4,116	\$3,899
Net income per common share:		
Basic	\$1.90	\$1.82
Diluted	\$1.85	\$1.78
Weighted average common shares outstanding:		
Basic	2,163,552	2,144,141
Diluted	2,230,188	2,189,472

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2012 AND 2011

(In thousands)	2012	2011
Net Income	\$4,287	\$4,014
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME, NET OF TAX Unrealized gains on securities available for sale:	2.116	7 60
Unrealized holding gains arising during the period	3,446	769
Income tax expense		(305)
Net of tax amount	2,274	464
Less: reclassification adjustment for realized gains included in net income	(30	(104)
Income tax expense	11	35
Net of tax amount	(19	(69)
Other Comprehensive Income	2,255	395
Comprehensive Income	\$6,542	\$4,409

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2012 AND 2011

						AccumulatedUnearned			
						Other	Stock		
	PreferredommonAddition			nAdditional	Retained	Comprehensi@ompensatioTreasury			
(In thousands, except share and per share data)	Stoc	ck	Stock	Paid-in Capi	it a Barnings	Income	and ESOP	Stock	Total
Balances at October 1, 2010	\$ -	-	\$ 25	\$ 24,310	\$31,889	\$ 2,959	\$ (2,703) \$(1,329)	\$55,151
Net income	-	-	-	-	4,014	-	-	-	4,014
Change in unrealized gain on securities available for sale, net of reclassification adjustments and tax effect	-	-	-	-					