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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting

company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer o Accelerated filer x Non-accelerated filer o Smaller reporting company o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Yes o No x

As of October 29, 2015, there were 16,064,435 shares of common stock, no par value, outstanding.

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PART I - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Financial Statements West Bancorporation, Inc. and Subsidiary Consolidated Balance Sheets

(unaudited)

(in thousands, except share data) ASSETS	September 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
Cash and due from banks	\$36,194	\$27,936
Federal funds sold	18,592	11,845
Cash and cash equivalents	54,786	39,781
Investment securities available for sale, at fair value	325,617	272,790
Investment securities held to maturity, at amortized cost (fair value of	323,017	212,170
\$51,260		
and \$51,501 at September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014,		
respectively)	51,280	51,343
Federal Home Loan Bank stock, at cost	14,210	15,075
Loans	1,240,038	1,184,045
Allowance for loan losses		(13,607)
Loans, net	1,225,378	1,170,438
Premises and equipment, net	11,115	9,988
Accrued interest receivable	5,041	4,425
Bank-owned life insurance	32,657	32,107
Deferred tax assets, net	6,713	6,333
Other assets	6,370	13,553
Total assets	\$1,733,167	\$1,615,833
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
LIABILITIES		
Deposits:		
Noninterest-bearing demand	\$447,386	\$362,827
Interest-bearing demand	241,250	241,722
Savings	578,775	527,277
Time of \$250,000 or more	13,622	18,985
Other time	106,103	119,651
Total deposits	1,387,136	1,270,462
Federal funds purchased	2,660	2,975
Short-term borrowings	59,000	66,000
Subordinated notes	20,619	20,619
Federal Home Loan Bank advances, net of discount	98,008	96,888
Long-term debt	9,730	12,676
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	6,797	6,038
Total liabilities	1,583,950	1,475,658
COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (NOTE 8)		
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value; authorized 50,000,000 shares; no shares	3	
issued		
and outstanding at September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014		_

Common stock, no par value; authorized 50,000,000 shares; 16,064,435

and

16,018,734 shares issued and outstanding at September 30, 2015 and

December 31, 2014, respectively	3,000	3,000
Additional paid-in capital	19,732	18,971
Retained earnings	126,369	117,950
Accumulated other comprehensive income	116	254
Total stockholders' equity	149,217	140,175
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$1,733,167	\$1,615,833

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

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West Bancorporation, Inc. and Subsidiary Consolidated Statements of Income (unaudited)

(unduction)	Three Months September 30,	Ended	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
(in thousands, except per share data)	2015	2014	2015	2014
Interest income:				
Loans, including fees	\$13,313	\$11,934	\$38,934	\$34,936
Investment securities:				
Taxable	1,017	1,191	3,184	3,793
Tax-exempt	789	721	2,309	2,095
Federal funds sold	28	14	60	43
Total interest income	15,147	13,860	44,487	40,867
Interest expense:				
Deposits	500	592	1,622	1,851
Federal funds purchased	2	2	6	8
Short-term borrowings	5	3	32	15
Subordinated notes	179	242	526	588
Federal Home Loan Bank advances	698	660	2,095	1,959
Long-term debt	57	72	183	233
Total interest expense	1,441	1,571	4,464	4,654
Net interest income	13,706	12,289	40,023	36,213
Provision for loan losses	200	100	400	250
Net interest income after provision for loan losses	13,506	12,189	39,623	35,963
Noninterest income:				
Service charges on deposit accounts	663	713	1,934	2,106
Debit card usage fees	463	443	1,367	1,306
Trust services	302	363	944	1,013
Revenue from residential mortgage banking	45	457	132	1,059
Increase in cash value of bank-owned life	183	198	550	534
insurance	103		330	
Realized investment securities gains, net	_	210	47	716
Other income	279	238	743	759
Total noninterest income	1,935	2,622	5,717	7,493
Noninterest expense:				
Salaries and employee benefits	4,056	3,961	12,051	12,059
Occupancy	1,031	1,072	3,090	3,107
Data processing	595	546	1,738	1,626
FDIC insurance	209	190	620	561
Other real estate owned	_	3		398
Professional fees	194	249	575	734
Director fees	226	183	642	525
Other expenses	1,238	1,182	3,722	3,742
Total noninterest expense	7,549	7,386	22,438	22,752
Income before income taxes	7,892	7,425	22,902	20,704
Income taxes	2,466	2,362	7,101	6,502
Net income	\$5,426	\$5,063	\$15,801	\$14,202

Basic earnings per common share	\$0.34	\$0.32	\$0.98	\$0.89
Diluted earnings per common share	\$0.34	\$0.32	\$0.98	\$0.89
Cash dividends declared per common share	\$0.16	\$0.12	\$0.46	\$0.35
See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.				

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West Bancorporation, Inc. and Subsidiary Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (unaudited)

(unaudited)					
	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,		
(in thousands)	2015	2014	2015	2014	
Net income	\$5,426	\$5,063	\$15,801	\$14,202	
Other comprehensive income (loss):					
Unrealized gains on securities for which a					
portion					
of an other than temporary impairment has					
been recorded in earnings:					
Unrealized holding gains arising during the					
period		225	_	583	
Less: reclassification adjustment for					
impairment					
losses realized in net income	_	_	_	_	
Income tax (expense)		(86	-	(222)
Other comprehensive income on available					
for sale securities with other than temporary					
impairment	_	139	_	361	
Unrealized gains (losses) on securities without					
other than temporary impairment:					
Unrealized holding gains arising during					
the period	1,765	88	1,205	7,473	
Less: reclassification adjustment for net gains					
realized in net income	_	(210	(47	(716)
Less: reclassification adjustment for					
amortization					
of net unrealized gains on securities					
transferred					
from available for sale to held to maturity,					
realized in interest income	(10)	(3	,	(3)
Income tax benefit (expense)	(667)	48	(429	(2,566)
Other comprehensive income (loss) on					
available for sale securities without other					
than temporary impairment	1,088	(77	700	4,188	
Unrealized gains (losses) on derivatives					
arising					
during the period	(735)	387	(1,470	(2,386)
Less: reclassification adjustment for net loss					
on					
derivatives realized in net income	_	73	74	73	
Less: reclassification adjustment for					
amortization					
of derivative termination costs	28		44		
Income tax benefit (expense)	269	(175	514	879	

Other comprehensive income (loss) on

1 ,					
derivatives	(438) 285	(838) (1,434)
Total other comprehensive income (loss)	650	347	(138) 3,115	
Comprehensive income	\$6,076	\$5,410	\$15,663	\$17,317	

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West Bancorporation, Inc. and Subsidiary Consolidated Statements of Stockholders' Equity (unaudited)

	Preferred	Common Sto	ock	Additional Paid-In	Retained	Accumulated Other Comprehensive	
(in thousands, except share and per share data)	Stock	Shares	Amount	Capital	Earnings	Income (Loss)	Total
Balance, December 31, 2013 Net income	\$— —	15,976,204	\$3,000 —	\$18,411 —	\$105,752 14,202	\$ (3,538)	\$123,625 14,202
Other comprehensive income, net of tax	_	_	_	_	_	3,115	3,115
Cash dividends declared, \$0.35 per common share	_	_	_	_	(5,600)	_	(5,600)
Stock-based compensation costs	_	_	_	456	_	_	456
Issuance of common stock upon vesting of restricted							
stock units, net of shares withheld for payroll taxes	_	42,530	_	(189)		_	(189)
Excess tax benefits from vesting of restricted stock units	_	_	_	116	_	_	116
Balance, September 30, 2014	\$—	16,018,734	\$3,000	\$18,794	\$114,354	\$ (423)	\$135,725
Balance, December 31, 2014 Net income	\$— —	16,018,734 —	\$3,000 —	\$18,971 —	\$117,950 15,801	\$ 254 —	\$140,175 15,801
Other comprehensive (loss), net of tax	_	_	_	_	_	(138)	(138)
Cash dividends declared, \$0.46 per common share	_	_	_	_	(7,382)	_	(7,382)
Stock-based compensation costs	_	_	_	831	_	_	831
Issuance of common stock upon vesting of restricted							
stock units, net of shares withheld for payroll taxes	_	45,701	_	(225)	_	_	(225)
Excess tax benefits from vesting of restricted stock units	_	_	_	155	_	_	155
Balance, September 30, 2015	\$ —	16,064,435	\$3,000	\$19,732	\$126,369	\$ 116	\$149,217

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

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West Bancorporation, Inc. and Subsidiary Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (unaudited)

	Nine Months I	Ended September 30,	
(in thousands)	2015	2014	
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:			
Net income	\$15,801	\$14,202	
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating			
activities:			
Provision for loan losses	400	250	
Net amortization and accretion	2,718	2,843	
(Gain) loss on disposition of premises and equipment	4	(1)
Investment securities gains, net	(47) (716)
Stock-based compensation	831	456	
Gain on sale of loans held for sale	(14) (954)
Proceeds from sales of loans held for sale	840	49,250	
Originations of loans held for sale	_	(46,409)
Gain on sales of other real estate owned	_	(21)
Write-down of other real estate owned	_	346	
Increase in cash value of bank-owned life insurance	(550) (534)
Depreciation	700	623	
Deferred income taxes	(295) (84)
Excess tax benefits from vesting of restricted stock units	(155) (116)
Change in assets and liabilities:			
Increase in accrued interest receivable	(616) (542)
Decrease in other assets	2,902	1,687	
Increase (decrease) in accrued expenses and other liabilities	(95) 1,070	
Net cash provided by operating activities	22,424	21,350	
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:			
Proceeds from sales of securities available for sale	16,946	36,582	
Proceeds from maturities and calls of securities available for sale	36,899	43,478	
Purchases of securities available for sale	(106,971) (67,770)
Purchases of Federal Home Loan Bank stock	(15,827) (12,448)
Proceeds from redemption of Federal Home Loan Bank stock	16,692	10,335	
Net increase in loans	(55,340) (92,438)
Proceeds from sales of other real estate owned	_	1,363	
Proceeds from sales of premises and equipment	_	13	
Purchases of premises and equipment	(1,831) (3,757)
Purchase of bank-owned life insurance	_	(5,000)
Proceeds from settlement of other assets	3,593	_	
Net cash (used in) investing activities	(105,839) (89,642)
Cash Flows from Financing Activities:			
Net increase in deposits	116,674	41,420	
Net decrease in federal funds purchased	(315) (12,752)
Net increase (decrease) in short-term borrowings	(7,000) 40,000	
Principal payments on long-term debt	(2,946) (2,444)
Interest rate swap termination costs paid	(541) —	
Common stock dividends paid	(7,382) (5,600)

Restricted stock units withheld for payroll taxes	(225) (189)
Excess tax benefits from vesting of restricted stock units	155	116	
Net cash provided by financing activities	98,420	60,551	
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	15,005	(7,741)
Cash and Cash Equivalents:			
Beginning	39,781	42,425	
Ending	\$54,786	\$34,684	

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West Bancorporation, Inc. and Subsidiary Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (continued)

(unaudited)

	Nine Months Ended September 30,			
(in thousands)	2015	2014		
Supplemental Disclosures of Cash Flow Information:				
Cash payments for:				
Interest	\$4,493	\$4,628		
Income taxes	4,110	3,650		
Supplemental Disclosure of Noncash Investing and Financing Activities:				
Transfer of loans to other real estate owned	_	394		
See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.				

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West Bancorporation, Inc. and Subsidiary Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited) (in thousands, except per share data)

1. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements have been prepared by West Bancorporation, Inc. (the Company) pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission. Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in financial statements have been condensed or omitted pursuant to such rules and regulations. Although management believes that the disclosures are adequate to make the information presented understandable, it is suggested that these interim consolidated financial statements be read in conjunction with the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014. In the opinion of management, the accompanying consolidated financial statements contain all adjustments necessary to fairly present the financial position as of September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, net income and comprehensive income for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, and cash flows for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014. The results for these interim periods may not be indicative of results for the entire year or for any other period.

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) established by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB). References to GAAP issued by the FASB in these footnotes are to the FASB Accounting Standards CodificationTM, sometimes referred to as the Codification or ASC. In preparing the financial statements, management is required to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses for the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Material estimates that are particularly susceptible to significant change in the near term are the fair value and other than temporary impairment (OTTI) of financial instruments, and the allowance for loan losses.

The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company, West Bank and West Bank's wholly-owned subsidiary WB Funding Corporation (which owns an interest in a limited liability company). West Bank's 99.99 percent owned subsidiary ICD IV, LLC (a community development entity) was liquidated during the third quarter of 2014 because the underlying loan matured. All significant intercompany transactions and balances have been eliminated in consolidation. In accordance with GAAP, West Bancorporation Capital Trust I is recorded on the books of the Company using the equity method of accounting and is not consolidated.

Reclassification: Certain amounts in prior year financial statements have been reclassified, with no effect on net income, comprehensive income or stockholders' equity, to conform with current period presentation.

Current accounting developments: In January 2014, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2014-04, Receivables—Troubled Debt Restructuring by Creditors (Subtopic 310-40): Reclassification of Residential Real Estate Collateralized Consumer Mortgage Loans Upon Foreclosure. The update clarifies when an in substance foreclosure occurs, that is, when a creditor is considered to have received physical possession of residential real estate property collateralizing a consumer mortgage loan. This is the point when the consumer mortgage loan should be derecognized and the real property recognized. For public companies, this update was effective for interim and annual periods beginning after December 31, 2014. The adoption of this guidance did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In May 2014, the FASB issued ASU No. 2014-09, Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 660): Summary and Amendments that Create Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606) and Other Assets and Deferred Costs—Contracts with Customers (Subtopic 340-40). The guidance in this update supersedes the revenue recognition requirements in ASC Topic 605, Revenue Recognition, and most industry-specific guidance throughout the industry topics of the codification. For public companies, this update is effective for interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2017. The Company is currently assessing the impact that this guidance will have on its consolidated financial statements, but does not expect the guidance to have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In April 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-03, Interest—Imputation of Interest (Subtopic 835-30): Simplifying the Presentation of Debt Issuance Costs. The update simplifies the presentation of debt issuance costs by requiring that debt issuance costs be presented in the balance sheet as a direct deduction from the carrying amount of debt liability, consistent with debt discounts or premiums. The recognition and measurement guidance for debt issuance costs are not affected by the amendments in this update. For public companies, this update will be effective for interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2015, and is to be applied retrospectively. Early adoption is permitted. The Company has determined that this guidance will not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

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West Bancorporation, Inc. and Subsidiary Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited) (in thousands, except per share data)

2. Earnings per Common Share

Basic earnings per common share are computed by dividing net income by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding for the period. Diluted earnings per common share reflect the potential dilution that could occur if the Company's outstanding restricted stock units were vested. The dilutive effect was computed using the treasury stock method, which assumes all stock-based awards were exercised and the hypothetical proceeds from exercise were used by the Company to purchase common stock at the average market price during the period. The incremental shares, to the extent they would have been dilutive, were included in the denominator of the diluted earnings per common share calculation. The calculations of earnings per common share and diluted earnings per common share for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014 are presented in the following table.

	Three Months Ende			nded September	
	30,		30,		
	2015	2014	2015	2014	
Net income	\$5,426	\$5,063	\$15,801	\$14,202	
Weighted average common shares outstanding Weighted average effect of restricted stock units	16,062	16,016	16,045	15,999	
outstanding	38	24	47	39	
Diluted weighted average common shares outstanding	16,100	16,040	16,092	16,038	
Basic earnings per common share	\$0.34	\$0.32	\$0.98	\$0.89	
Diluted earnings per common share	\$0.34	\$0.32	\$0.98	\$0.89	

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West Bancorporation, Inc. and Subsidiary Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited) (in thousands, except per share data)

3. Investment Securities

The following tables show the amortized cost, gross unrealized gains and losses and fair value of investment securities, by investment security type as of September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014.

	September 30), 2015			
	Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized (Losses)		air Value
Securities available for sale:					
U.S. government agencies and corporations	\$2,558	\$171	\$—	\$	2,729
State and political subdivisions	61,610	1,080	(150) 62	2,540
Collateralized mortgage obligations (1)	141,789	942	(525) 14	42,206
Mortgage-backed securities (1)	106,391	757	(199) 10	06,949
Trust preferred security	1,770		(734) 1,	,036
Corporate notes and equity securities	10,146	42	(31) 10	0,157
	\$324,264	\$2,992	\$(1,639) \$3	325,617
Securities held to maturity:					
State and political subdivisions	\$51,280	\$276	\$(296) \$:	51,260
	December 31, 2014				
	December 31	, 2014			
	December 31 Amortized Cost	, 2014 Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized (Losses)		air alue
Securities available for sale:	Amortized	Gross Unrealized	Unrealized		
Securities available for sale: U.S. government agencies and corporations	Amortized	Gross Unrealized	Unrealized	V	
	Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains	Unrealized (Losses)) \$	alue
U.S. government agencies and corporations	Amortized Cost \$12,626	Gross Unrealized Gains \$204	Unrealized (Losses) \$(10) \$) 52	7alue 12,820
U.S. government agencies and corporations State and political subdivisions	Amortized Cost \$12,626 51,234	Gross Unrealized Gains \$204 1,286	Unrealized (Losses) \$(10) (161)) \$) 52) 12	7alue 12,820 2,359
U.S. government agencies and corporations State and political subdivisions Collateralized mortgage obligations ⁽¹⁾	Amortized Cost \$12,626 51,234 126,430	Gross Unrealized Gains \$204 1,286 856	Unrealized (Losses) \$(10) (161) (1,416)) \$) 52) 12) 66	7alue 12,820 2,359 25,870
U.S. government agencies and corporations State and political subdivisions Collateralized mortgage obligations ⁽¹⁾ Mortgage-backed securities ⁽¹⁾	Amortized Cost \$12,626 51,234 126,430 65,813	Gross Unrealized Gains \$204 1,286 856	Unrealized (Losses) \$(10) (161) (1,416) (284)) \$ 12) 60) 91	7alue 12,820 2,359 25,870 6,153
U.S. government agencies and corporations State and political subdivisions Collateralized mortgage obligations (1) Mortgage-backed securities (1) Trust preferred security	Amortized Cost \$12,626 51,234 126,430 65,813 1,763	Gross Unrealized Gains \$204 1,286 856 624 —	Unrealized (Losses) \$(10) (161) (1,416) (284) (845)) \$ 12) 60) 14	7alue 12,820 2,359 25,870 6,153 18
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All collateralized mortgage obligations and mortgage-backed securities consist of residential mortgage (1) pass-through securities guaranteed by GNMA or issued by FNMA and real estate mortgage investment conduits guaranteed by FHLMC or GNMA.

Investment securities with an amortized cost of approximately \$79,525 and \$4,805 as of September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively, were pledged to secure access to the Federal Reserve discount window, for public fund deposits, and for other purposes as required or permitted by law or regulation. The increase in the amount of pledged investment securities at September 30, 2015 compared to December 31, 2014 was primarily due to an

increase in public fund deposits.

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West Bancorporation, Inc. and Subsidiary Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited) (in thousands, except per share data)

The amortized cost and fair value of investment securities available for sale as of September 30, 2015, by contractual maturity, are shown below. Certain securities have call features that allow the issuer to call the securities prior to maturity. Expected maturities may differ from contractual maturities for collateralized mortgage obligations and mortgage-backed securities because borrowers may have the right to call or prepay obligations with or without call or prepayment penalties. Therefore, collateralized mortgage obligations and mortgage-backed securities are not included in the maturity categories within the following maturity summary. Equity securities have no maturity date.

	September 30, 2013	5
	Amortized Cost	Fair Value
Due in one year or less	\$1,007	\$1,025
Due after one year through five years	19,002	19,424
Due after five years through ten years	23,138	23,521
Due after ten years	31,453	31,025
	74,600	74,995
Collateralized mortgage obligations and mortgage-backed securities	248,180	249,155
Equity securities	1,484	1,467
	\$324,264	\$325,617

The amortized cost and fair value of investment securities held to maturity as of September 30, 2015, by contractual maturity, are shown below. Certain securities have call features that allow the issuer to call the securities prior to maturity.

	September 30, 2015		
	Amortized Cost	Fair Value	
Due after one year through five years	\$277	\$273	
Due after five years through ten years	14,393	14,414	
Due after ten years	36,610	36,573	
	\$51,280	\$51,260	

The details of the sales of investment securities for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014 are summarized in the following table.

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,		
	2015	2014	2015	2014	
Proceeds from sales	\$ —	\$7,344	\$16,946	\$36,582	
Gross gains on sales		334	54	1,050	
Gross losses on sales		124	7	334	

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The following tables show the fair value and gross unrealized losses, aggregated by investment type and length of time that individual securities have been in a continuous loss position, as of September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014.

	September 30, 2015 Less than 12 months			12 months or longer			Total		
	Fair Value	Gross Unrealize (Losses)	d	Fair Value	Gross Unrealize (Losses)	d	Fair Value	Gross Unrealize (Losses)	ed
Securities available for sale: U.S. government agencies and corporations	\$ —	\$—		\$ —	\$ —		\$ —	\$ —	
State and political subdivisions Collateralized mortgage obligations Mortgage-backed securities Trust preferred security	11,928 20,423 60,434	(101 (35 (155 —)	2,026 40,157 7,533 1,036	(49 (490 (44 (734)))	13,954 60,580 67,967 1,036	(150 (525 (199 (734)))
Corporate notes and equity securities	4,040 \$96,825	(20 \$(311	_	481 \$51,233	(11 \$(1,328)	4,521 \$148,058	(31 \$(1,639)
Securities held to maturity: State and political subdivisions	\$12,420	\$(145)	\$6,063	\$(151)	\$18,483	\$(296)
	December 3 Less than 1	2 months	12 months or longer Total				_		
	Fair Value	Unrealized		Fair Unrealized (Losses)			Fair Value	Gross Unrealize (Losses)	ed
Securities available for sale: U.S. government agencies and corporations	\$10,039	\$(10)	\$ —	\$ —		\$10,039	\$(10)
State and political subdivisions Collateralized mortgage obligations Mortgage-backed securities	6,614 17,283 15,184	(90 (87 (101)	5,887 53,318 17,126	(71 (1,329 (183)	12,501 70,601 32,310	(161 (1,416 (284)
Trust preferred security Corporate notes and equity securities	 4,581 \$53,701	— (23 \$(311	-	918 2,881 \$80,130	(845 (102 \$(2,530)	918 7,462 \$133,831	(845 (125 \$(2,841)
Securities held to maturity: State and political subdivisions As of September 30, 2015, the available	\$13,048	\$(186	-	\$— 	\$—	1.	\$13,048	\$(186)

As of September 30, 2015, the available for sale and held to maturity securities with unrealized losses that have existed for longer than one year included 18 state and political subdivision securities, 11 collateralized mortgage obligation securities, two mortgage-backed securities, one trust preferred security and one equity security.

The Company believes the unrealized losses on investments available for sale and held to maturity as of September 30, 2015, were due to market conditions, rather than reduced estimated cash flows. The Company does not intend to sell these securities, does not anticipate that these securities will be required to be sold before anticipated recovery, and expects full principal and interest to be collected. Therefore, the Company does not consider these investments to have OTTI as of September 30, 2015.

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4. Loans and Allowance for Loan Losses

Loans consisted of the following segments as of September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014.

	September 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
Commercial	\$347,598	\$316,908
Real estate:		
Construction, land and land development	168,831	154,490
1-4 family residential first mortgages	51,156	53,497
Home equity	22,147	24,500
Commercial	643,588	625,938
Consumer and other loans	7,628	9,318
	1,240,948	1,184,651
Net unamortized fees and costs	(910	(606)
	\$1,240,038	\$1,184,045

Real estate loans of approximately \$590,000 were pledged as security for Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB) advances as of September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014.

Loans are stated at the principal amounts outstanding, net of unamortized loan fees and costs, with interest income recognized on the interest method based upon those outstanding loan balances. Loan origination fees, net of certain direct origination costs, are deferred and recognized as an adjustment of the related loan yield using the interest method. Loans are reported by the portfolio segments identified above and are analyzed by management on this basis. All loan policies identified below apply to all segments of the loan portfolio.

Delinquencies are determined based on the payment terms of the individual loan agreements. The accrual of interest on past due and other impaired loans is generally discontinued at 90 days past due or when, in the opinion of management, the borrower may be unable to make all payments pursuant to contractual terms. Unless considered collectible, all interest accrued but not collected for loans that are placed on nonaccrual or charged off is reversed against interest income, if accrued in the current year, or charged to the allowance for loan losses, if accrued in the prior year. Generally, all payments received while a loan is on nonaccrual status are applied to the principal balance of the loan. Loans are returned to accrual status when all principal and interest amounts contractually due are brought current and future payments are reasonably assured.

Based upon its ongoing assessment of credit quality within the loan portfolio, the Company maintains a Watch List, which includes loans classified as Doubtful, Substandard and Watch according to the Company's classification criteria. These loans involve the potential for payment defaults or collateral inadequacies. A loan on the Watch List is considered impaired when management believes it is probable the Company will be unable to collect all contractual principal and interest payments due in accordance with the terms of the loan agreement. Impaired loans are measured based on the present value of expected future cash flows discounted at the loan's effective interest rate or, as a practical expedient, at the loan's observable market price or the fair value of the collateral if the loan is collateral dependent. The amount of impairment, if any, and any subsequent changes are included in the allowance for loan losses.

A loan is classified as a troubled debt restructured (TDR) loan when the Company concludes that a borrower is experiencing financial difficulties and a concession was granted that would not otherwise be considered. Concessions may include a restructuring of the loan terms to alleviate the burden on the borrower's cash requirements, such as an extension of the payment terms beyond the original maturity date or a change in the interest rate charged. TDR loans with extended payment terms are accounted for as impaired until performance is established. A change to the interest rate would change the classification of a loan to a TDR loan if the restructured loan yields a rate that is below a market rate for that of a new loan with comparable risk. TDR loans with below-market rates are considered impaired until fully collected. TDR loans may also be reported as nonaccrual or past due 90 days if they are not performing per the restructured terms.

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The table below presents the TDR loans by segment as of September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014.

	September 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
Troubled debt restructured loans ⁽¹⁾ :		
Commercial	\$107	\$—
Real estate:		
Construction, land and land development	158	376
1-4 family residential first mortgages	92	86
Home equity	_	_
Commercial	473	557
Consumer and other loans	_	_
Total troubled debt restructured loans	\$830	\$1,019

There were three TDR loans as of September 30, 2015 and two TDR loans as of December 31, 2014, with balances of \$652 and \$643, respectively, categorized as nonaccrual.

There were no loan modifications considered to be TDR that occurred during the three months ended September 30, 2015, and two loan modifications considered to be TDR that occurred during the nine months ended September 30, 2015 with a pre- and post-modification recorded investment totaling \$130. There were no loan modifications considered to be TDR that occurred during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014.

One TDR loan that was modified within the twelve months preceding September 30, 2015, with a recorded investment of \$107, has subsequently had a payment default. No TDR loans that were modified within the twelve months preceding September 30, 2014 have subsequently had a payment default. A TDR loan is considered to have a payment default when it is past due 30 days or more.

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The following table summarizes the recorded investment in impaired loans by segment, broken down by loans with no related allowance and loans with a related allowance and the amount of that allowance as of September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014.

Recorded	Unpaid Principal	Related	Recorded	Unpaid Principal	Related Allowance
mvestment	Balance	Allowance	mvestment	Balance	Anowance
\$	\$	\$	\$164	\$310	\$ —
ψ	ψ—	ψ—	ψ10 1	ψ310	ψ—
158	760	_	376	978	_
271	271		257	257	
3/1	3/1	_	257	257	
		_	557	557	
		_		_	
1,043	1,645	_	1,354	2,102	
147	147	147	292	292	150
_	_	_	825	825	200
274	274	274	229	229	229
160	160	160	172	172	172
_	_	_	_	_	_
581	581	581	1,518	1,518	751
			,	ŕ	
147	147	147	456	602	150
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158	760	_	1,201	1,803	200
371	371	_	257	257	_
		274			229
					172
					
\$1,624	\$2,226	\$581	\$2,872	\$3,620	\$751
	Recorded Investment \$	Recorded Investment Principal Balance \$ \$ 158 760 371 371 - - 510 510 4 4 1,043 1,645 147 147 - - 274 274 160 160 - 581 581 581 147 147 158 760 371 371 274 670 4 4	Recorded Investment Unpaid Principal Balance Related Allowance \$ \$ \$ 158 760 371 371 510 510 4 4 1,043 1,645 147 147 147 274 274 274 160 160 160 581 581 581 147 147 147 158 760 371 371 274 274 274 670 670 160 4 4	Recorded Investment Unpaid Principal Balance Related Allowance Recorded Investment \$- \$- \$- \$164 158 760 - 376 371 371 - 257 - - - 557 4 4 - - 1,043 1,645 - 1,354 147 147 147 292 - - - 825 - - - - 274 274 274 229 160 160 160 172 - - - - 581 581 581 1,518 147 147 147 456 158 760 - 1,201 371 371 - 257 274 274 229 670 670 160 729 4 4 - -	Recorded Investment Unpaid Principal Balance Related Allowance Recorded Investment Unpaid Principal Balance \$- \$- \$- \$164 \$310 158 760 - 376 978 371 371 - 257 257 - - - - - 510 510 - 557 557 4 4 - - - 1,043 1,645 - 1,354 2,102 147 147 147 292 292 - - - - - 274 274 274 229 229 160 160 160 172 172 - - - - - 581 581 581 1,518 1,518 147 147 147 456 602 158 760 - 1,201 1,803 <tr< td=""></tr<>

The balance of impaired loans at September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014 was composed of 13 and 11 different borrowers, respectively. The Company has no commitments to advance additional funds on any of the impaired loans.

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The following table summarizes the average recorded investment and interest income recognized on impaired loans by segment for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014.

segment for the three t				Nine Months Ended September 30, 2015 2014				
	Average	Interest	_	Interest	Average	Interest	Average	Interest
	Recorded Investmen		Recorded Investmen		Recorded Investment		Recorded	Income t Recognized
With no related	mvestmen	t Recognized	i investmen	t Recognized	investmen	i Recognized	i investmen	t Recognized
allowance								
recorded:								
Commercial	\$132	\$ —	\$165	\$ —	\$151	\$ —	\$303	\$ —
Real estate:								
Construction, land and		2	20.4	2	210	10	402	1.1
land development	255	3	394	3	319	10	403	11
1-4 family residential first								
mortgages	316		302	_	295		378	7
Home equity	_	_	22	_		_	9	
Commercial	1,565		663	_	1,088		708	3
Consumer and other	3							
loans	3		_	_	3		_	
	2,271	3	1,546	3	1,856	10	1,801	21
With an allowance								
recorded:								
Commercial	146	_	573	2	222	2	566	7
Real estate:								
Construction, land and			1 150	12	247	6	1.560	<i>5.</i>
land development 1-4 family residential	_	_	1,150	13	247	6	1,562	54
first								
mortgages							187	
Home equity	231	_	236	_	227		94	_
Commercial	161	_	44		166		18	_
Consumer and other								
loans		_	_	_		_	_	_
	538		2,003	15	862	8	2,427	61
Total:								
Commercial	278	_	738	2	373	2	869	7
Real estate:								
Construction, land and		2	1 5 4 4	16	566	16	1.065	65
land development 1-4 family residential	255	3	1,544	16	566	16	1,965	65
first								
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mortgages	316		302		295		565	7
Home equity	231		258		227		103	
Commercial	1,726		707		1,254		726	3
Consumer and other loans	3	_	_	_	3	_	_	
	\$2,809	\$ 3	\$3,549	\$ 18	\$2,718	\$ 18	\$4,228	\$ 82

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The following tables provide an analysis of the payment status of the recorded investment in loans as of September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014.

	September 30, 2015							
	30-59	60-89	90 Days	Total		Nanaaamia1		
	Days Past	Days Past	or More	Total Past Due	Current	Nonaccrual Loans	Total Loans	
	Due	Due	Past Due	rast Due		Loans		
Commercial	\$50	\$ —	\$ —	\$50	\$347,401	\$147	\$347,598	
Real estate:								
Construction, land and								
land development	_	_			168,831		168,831	
1-4 family residential								
first mortgages	339			339	50,466	351	51,156	
Home equity				_	21,873	274	22,147	
Commercial					642,918	670	643,588	
Consumer and other					7,624	4	7,628	
Total	\$389	\$ —	\$ —	\$389	\$1,239,113	\$1,446	\$1,240,948	
	December 31, 2014							
		-						
	30-59	60-89	90 Days	Total		Nonaccrual	Total	
	30-59 Days Past	60-89 Days Past	or More	Total Past Due	Current	Nonaccrual Loans		
	30-59 Days Past Due	60-89 Days Past Due	or More Past Due	Past Due		Loans	Loans	
Commercial	30-59 Days Past	60-89 Days Past	or More		Current \$316,528			
Real estate:	30-59 Days Past Due	60-89 Days Past Due	or More Past Due	Past Due		Loans	Loans	
Real estate: Construction, land and	30-59 Days Past Due	60-89 Days Past Due	or More Past Due	Past Due	\$316,528	Loans	Loans \$316,908	
Real estate: Construction, land and land development	30-59 Days Past Due	60-89 Days Past Due	or More Past Due	Past Due		Loans	Loans	
Real estate: Construction, land and land development 1-4 family residential	30-59 Days Past Due	60-89 Days Past Due	or More Past Due	Past Due	\$316,528 154,490	Loans \$346	Loans \$316,908 154,490	
Real estate: Construction, land and land development 1-4 family residential first mortgages	30-59 Days Past Due \$34	60-89 Days Past Due	or More Past Due	Past Due \$34	\$316,528 154,490 53,240	Loans \$346 — 257	Loans \$316,908 154,490 53,497	
Real estate: Construction, land and land development 1-4 family residential first mortgages Home equity	30-59 Days Past Due \$34 — — 14	60-89 Days Past Due	or More Past Due	Past Due \$34 — — 14	\$316,528 154,490 53,240 24,257	Loans \$346 — 257 229	Loans \$316,908 154,490 53,497 24,500	
Real estate: Construction, land and land development 1-4 family residential first mortgages Home equity Commercial	30-59 Days Past Due \$34	60-89 Days Past Due	or More Past Due	Past Due \$34	\$316,528 154,490 53,240 24,257 623,709	Loans \$346 — 257	Loans \$316,908 154,490 53,497 24,500 625,938	
Real estate: Construction, land and land development 1-4 family residential first mortgages Home equity	30-59 Days Past Due \$34 — — 14	60-89 Days Past Due	or More Past Due	Past Due \$34 — — 14	\$316,528 154,490 53,240 24,257	Loans \$346 — 257 229	Loans \$316,908 154,490 53,497 24,500	

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The following tables present the recorded investment in loans by credit quality indicator and loan segment as of September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014.

	September 30, 2015					
	Pass	Watch	Substandard	Doubtful	Total	
Commercial	\$341,815	\$5,386	\$397	\$	\$347,598	
Real estate:						
Construction, land and land development	166,783	852	1,196		168,831	
1-4 family residential first mortgages	50,136	522	498		51,156	
Home equity	21,793	68	286	_	22,147	
Commercial	616,901	25,199	1,488	_	643,588	
Consumer and other	7,609	_	19	_	7,628	
Total	\$1,205,037	\$32,027	\$3,884	\$	\$1,240,948	
	December 31, 2014					
	Pass	Watch	Substandard	Doubtful	Total	
Commercial	\$309,704	\$6,268	\$936	\$	\$316,908	
Real estate:						
Construction, land and land development	151,258	993	2,239	_	154,490	
1-4 family residential first mortgages	52,574	536	387	_	53,497	
Home equity	23,958	218	324	_	24,500	
Commercial	614,974	7,467	3,497	_	625,938	
Consumer and other	9,318	_	_	_	9,318	
Total	\$1,161,786	\$15,482	\$7,383	\$	\$1,184,651	

All loans are subject to the assessment of a credit quality indicator. Risk ratings are assigned for each loan at the time of approval, and they change as circumstances dictate during the term of the loan. The Company utilizes a 9-point risk rating scale as shown below, with ratings 1 - 5 included in the Pass column, rating 6 included in the Watch column, ratings 7 - 8 included in the Substandard column and rating 9 included in the Doubtful column. All loans classified as impaired that are included in the specific evaluation of the allowance for loan losses are included in the Substandard column along with all other loans with ratings of 7 - 8.

Risk rating 1: The loan is secured by cash equivalent collateral.

Risk rating 2: The loan is secured by properly margined marketable securities, bonds or cash surrender value of life insurance.

Risk rating 3: The borrower is in strong financial condition and has strong debt service capacity. The loan is performing as agreed, and the financial characteristics and trends of the borrower exceed industry statistics.

Risk rating 4: The borrower is in satisfactory financial condition and has satisfactory debt service capacity. The loan is performing as agreed, and the financial characteristics and trends of the borrower fall in line with industry statistics.

Risk rating 5: The borrower's financial condition is less than satisfactory. The loan is still generally paying as agreed, but strained cash flows may cause some slowness in payments. The collateral values adequately preclude loss on the loan. Financial characteristics and trends lag industry statistics. There may be noncompliance with loan covenants.

Risk rating 6: The borrower's financial condition is deficient. Payment delinquencies may be more common. Collateral values still protect from loss, but margins are narrow. The loan may be reliant on secondary sources of repayment, including liquidation of collateral and guarantor support.

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Risk rating 7: The loan is inadequately protected by the current sound worth and paying capacity of the obligor or of the collateral pledged, if any. Well-defined weaknesses exist that jeopardize the liquidation of the debt. The Company is inadequately protected by the valuation or paying capacity of the collateral pledged. If deficiencies are not corrected, there is a distinct possibility that a loss will be sustained.

Risk rating 8: All the characteristics of rating 7 exist with the added condition that the loan is past due more than 90 days or there is reason to believe the Company will not receive its principal and interest according to the terms of the loan agreement.

Risk rating 9: All the weaknesses inherent in risk ratings 7 and 8 exist with the added condition that collection or liquidation, on the basis of currently known facts, conditions and values, is highly questionable and improbable. A loan reaching this category would most likely be charged off.

Credit quality indicators for all loans and the Company's risk rating process are dynamic and updated on a continuous basis. Risk ratings are updated as circumstances that could affect the repayment of an individual loan are brought to management's attention through an established monitoring process. Individual lenders initiate changes as appropriate for ratings 1 through 5, and changes for ratings 6 through 9 are initiated via communications with management. The likelihood of loss increases as the risk rating increases and is generally preceded by a loan appearing on the Watch List, which consists of all loans with a risk rating of 6 or worse. Written action plans with firm target dates for resolution of identified problems are maintained and reviewed on a quarterly basis for all segments of criticized loans.

In addition to the Company's internal credit monitoring practices and procedures, an outsourced independent credit review function is in place to further assess assigned internal risk classifications and monitor compliance with internal lending policies and procedures.

In all portfolio segments, the primary risks are that a borrower's income stream diminishes to the point that the borrower is not able to make scheduled principal and interest payments and any collateral securing the loan declines in value. The risk of declining collateral values is present for most types of loans.

Commercial loans consist primarily of loans to businesses for various purposes, including revolving lines to finance current operations, inventory and accounts receivable, and capital expenditure loans to finance equipment and other fixed assets. These loans generally have short maturities, have either adjustable or fixed interest rates, and are either unsecured or secured by inventory, accounts receivable and/or fixed assets. For commercial loans, the primary source of repayment is from the operation of the business.

Real estate loans include various types of loans for which the Company holds real property as collateral, and consist of loans on commercial properties and single and multifamily residences. Real estate loans are typically structured to mature or reprice every five years with payments based on amortization periods up to 30 years. The majority of construction loans are to contractors and developers for construction of commercial buildings or residential real estate. These loans typically have maturities of up to 24 months. The Company's loan policy includes minimum appraisal and other credit guidelines.

Consumer loans include loans extended to individuals for household, family and other personal expenditures not secured by real estate. The majority of the Company's consumer lending is for vehicles, consolidation of personal debts and household improvements. The repayment source for consumer loans, including 1-4 family residential and home equity loans, is typically wages.

The allowance for loan losses is established through a provision for loan losses charged to expense. Loans are charged-off against the allowance for loan losses when management believes that collectability of the principal is unlikely. The allowance is an amount that management believes will be adequate to absorb probable losses on existing loans, based on an evaluation of the collectability of loans and prior loss experience. This evaluation also takes into consideration such factors as changes in the nature and volume of the loan portfolio, overall portfolio quality, the review of specific problem loans, and the current economic conditions that may affect the borrower's ability to pay. While management uses the best information available to make its evaluations, future adjustments to the allowance may be necessary if there are significant changes in economic conditions or the other factors relied upon.

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The allowance for loan losses consists of specific and general components. The specific component relates to loans that meet the definition of impaired. The general component covers the remaining loans and is based on historical loss experience adjusted for qualitative factors such as delinquency trends, loan growth, economic elements and local market conditions. These same policies are applied to all segments of loans. In addition, regulatory agencies, as an integral part of their examination processes, periodically review the Company's allowance for loan losses, and may require the Company to make additions to the allowance based on their judgment about information available to them at the time of their examinations.

The following tables detail the changes in the allowance for loan losses by segment for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014.

ended September 30, 2015 and 2	2014.						
	Three Mon	ths Ended Se	eptember 30,	2015			
		Real Estate					
	Commercia	Construction all and Land	n1-4 Family Residential		Commercial	Consumer and Other	Total
Beginning balance	\$4,736	\$1,700	\$ 445	\$474	\$ 6,982	\$27	\$14,364
Charge-offs	(152)					(2)	(154)
Recoveries	201		2	43	3	ì	250
Provision (1)	(327)	189	(30)	(16	388	(4)	200
Ending balance	\$4,458	\$1,889	\$ 417	\$501	\$ 7,373	\$22	\$14,660
	Three Mon	the Ended Se	eptember 30,	2014			
	Timee Wion	Real Estate	eptember 50,	2014			
	Commercia	Construction all and Land	n1-4 Family Residential		Commercial	Consumer and Other	Total
Beginning balance	\$3,898	\$2,540	\$ 553	\$563	\$ 5,609	\$50	\$13,213
Charge-offs			(10)	(60) —		(70)
Recoveries	35		2	56	7	2	102
Provision (1)	347	(189)	66	(18) (107	1	100
Ending balance	\$4,280	\$2,351	\$ 611	\$541	\$ 5,509	\$53	\$13,345
	Nine Mont	hs Ended Ser	otember 30, 2	2015			
		Real Estate	,				
	Commercial Construction 1-4 Family Horand Land Residential Equ			Commercial	Consumer and Other	Total	
Beginning balance	\$4,415	\$2,151	\$ 466	\$534	\$ 6,013	\$28	\$13,607
Charge-offs	(208)		(15)			(2)	(225)
Recoveries	528	250	4	78	9	9	878
Provision (1)	(277)	(512)	(38)	(111) 1,351	(13)	400
Ending balance	\$4,458	\$1,889	\$ 417	\$501	\$ 7,373	\$22	\$14,660
	Nine Mont	hs Ended Ser	otember 30, 2	2014			
		Real Estate	ŕ				
	Commercia				Commercial		Total

		Construction	n1-4 Family			Consumer	
		and Land	Residential	Equity		and Other	
Beginning balance	\$4,199	\$3,032	\$ 613	\$403	\$ 5,485	\$59	\$13,791
Charge-offs	(577)		(73)	(123)	(112)	_	(885)
Recoveries	87	8	4	80	7	3	189
Provision (1)	571	(689)	67	181	129	(9)	250
Ending balance	\$4,280	\$2,351	\$ 611	\$541	\$ 5,509	\$53	\$13,345

The negative provisions for the various segments are related to either the decline in each of those portfolio (1)segments during the time periods disclosed and/or improvement in the credit quality factors related to those portfolio segments.

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The following tables present a breakdown of the allowance for loan losses disaggregated on the basis of impairment analysis method by segment as of September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014.

, ,	September	30 2015		•			
	•	Real Estate					
	Commercia	Construction and Land	1-4 Family Residential	Home Equity	Commercial	Consumer and Other	Total
Ending balance:				1 ,			
Individually evaluated for impairment	\$147	\$—	\$—	\$274	\$ 160	\$—	\$581
Collectively evaluated for impairment	4,311	1,889	417	227	7,213	22	14,079
Total	\$4,458	\$1,889	\$417	\$501	\$ 7,373	\$22	\$14,660
	December	Real Estate					
	Commercia	Construction and Land	11-4 Family Residential	Home Equity	Commercial	Consumer and Other	Total
Ending balance:							
Individually evaluated for impairment	\$150	\$200	\$ <i>—</i>	\$229	\$ 172	\$—	\$751
Collectively evaluated for impairment	4,265	1,951	466	305	5,841	28	12,856
Total							

The following tables present the recorded investment in loans, exclusive of unamortized fees and costs, disaggregated on the basis of impairment analysis method by segment as of September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014.

September 30, 2015 Real Estate Construction1-4 Family Home Commercial Consumer and Other Total Commercia Residential Equity and Land Ending balance: Individually evaluated for \$147 \$158 \$371 \$274 \$ 670 \$4 \$1,624 impairment Collectively evaluated for 347,451 168,673 50,785 21,873 642,918 7,624 1,239,324 impairment Total \$347,598 \$168,831 \$7,628 \$ 51,156 \$22,147 \$ 643,588 \$1,240,948 December 31, 2014 Real Estate Construction 1-4 Family Home Commercial Consumer Total and Other and Land Residential Equity Ending balance: Individually evaluated for \$456 \$1,201 \$229 \$ 729 \$— \$2,872 \$ 257 impairment 9,318 316,452 153,289 53,240 24,271 625,209 1,181,779

Collectively evaluated for

impairment

Total \$316,908 \$154,490 \$53,497 \$24,500 \$625,938 \$9,318 \$1,184,651

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5. Derivatives

The Company uses interest rate swap agreements to assist in its interest rate risk management. The notional amounts of the interest rate swaps do not represent amounts exchanged by the counterparties, but rather, the notional amount is used to determine, along with other terms of the derivative, the amounts to be exchanged between the counterparties.

The Company has variable rate FHLB advances, which create exposure to variability in interest payments due to changes in interest rates. In December 2012, to manage the interest rate risk related to the variability of interest payments, the Company entered into three forward-starting interest rate swap transactions, with a total notional amount of \$80,000. The interest rate swaps effectively convert \$80,000 of variable rate FHLB advances to fixed rate debt as of the forward-starting dates. The three swap transactions were designated as cash flow hedges of the changes in cash flows attributable to changes in LIBOR, the benchmark interest rate being hedged, associated with the interest payments made on the underlying FHLB advances with quarterly interest rate reset dates. One interest rate swap, with a notional amount of \$25,000⁽¹⁾, became effective in December 2014 and was subsequently terminated in March 2015, subject to a termination fee of \$158. A second interest rate swap, with a notional amount of \$25,000⁽²⁾, was terminated in June 2015, prior to its effective date and subject to a termination fee of \$383. The third interest rate swap, with a notional amount of \$30,000⁽³⁾, will become effective in December 2015. The termination fees are being reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income to interest expense over the remaining life of the underlying cash flows, through December 2019 and June 2020, respectively.

In June 2013, the Company entered into a forward-starting interest rate swap transaction with a total notional amount of \$20,000⁽⁴⁾, to effectively convert its \$20,000 variable rate junior subordinated notes to fixed rate debt as of the forward-starting date of the swap transaction. The effective date of this swap was June 30, 2014, and it was terminated in September 2014, when the fair value was \$0.

At the inception of each hedge transaction, the Company represented that the underlying principal balance would remain outstanding throughout the hedge transaction, making it probable that sufficient LIBOR-based interest payments would exist through the maturity date of the swaps. The cash flow hedges were determined to be fully effective during the remaining terms of the swaps. Therefore, the aggregate fair value of the remaining swap is recorded in other assets or other liabilities with changes in market value recorded in other comprehensive income, net of deferred taxes. See Note 9 for additional fair value information and disclosures. The amount included in accumulated other comprehensive income for the remaining hedge will be reclassified to interest expense should the hedge no longer be considered effective. No amount of ineffectiveness was included in net income for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 or 2014, and the Company estimates there will be approximately \$542 of cash payments and reclassification from accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) to interest expense through September 30, 2016. The Company will continue to assess the effectiveness of the remaining hedge on a quarterly basis.

The Company is exposed to credit risk in the event of nonperformance by the interest rate swap counterparty. The Company minimizes this risk by entering into derivative contracts with only large, stable financial institutions, and the Company has not experienced, and does not expect, any losses from counterparty nonperformance on the interest rate swaps. The Company monitors counterparty risk in accordance with the provisions of FASB ASC 815. In addition, the interest rate swap agreements contain language outlining collateral-pledging requirements for each counterparty. Collateral must be posted when the market value exceeds certain threshold limits. As of September 30, 2015, the

Company pledged to the counterparty \$990 of required collateral in the form of cash on deposit with a third party.

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The tables below identify the balance sheet category and fair values of the Company's derivative instruments designated as cash flow hedges as of September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014.

September 30, 2015	Swap Number	Notional Amount	Fair Value	Balance Sheet Category	Receive Rat	e	Pay Rate		Maturity
Interest rate swap	(3)	\$30,000	\$1,116	Other Liabilities	0.66	%	2.52	%	9/21/2020
December 31, 2014	Swap Number	Notional Amount	Fair Value	Balance Sheet Category	Receive Rate	e	Pay Rate		Maturity
Interest rate swap	(1)	\$25,000	\$97	Other Liabilities	0.54	%	2.10	%	12/23/2019
Interest rate swap	(2)	25,000	87	Other Liabilities	0.56	%	2.34	%	6/22/2020
Interest rate swap	(3)	30,000	77	Other Liabilities	0.56	%	2.52	%	9/21/2020

The following tables identify the pre-tax losses recognized on the Company's derivative instruments designated as cash flow hedges for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014.

cash now ned	ges for the	Nine Months Fr		ed September 30, 20				
		Effective Portio		d September 50, 2	2013		Ineffective Portion	on
		Amount of		Reclassified from	AOCI into		Recognized in In	
		Pre-tax (Loss)		Income			Derivatives	
	Swap	Recognized in			Amount of			Amount of
	Number	OCI		Category	Gain (Loss)		Category	Gain (Loss)
Interest rate swap	(1)	\$(134)	Interest Expense	\$(93)	Other Income	\$ —
Interest rate swap	(2)	(297)	Interest Expense	(25)	Other Income	_
Interest rate swap	(3)	(1,039)	Interest Expense	_		Other Income	_
				nded September 30	0, 2014			
		Effective Por	tio	n			Ineffective Port	
		Amount of		Reclassified from	om AOCI into		Recognized in I	ncome on
		Pre-tax (Loss		Income			Derivatives	
	Swap	_	n		Amount of			Amount of
	Num	ber OCI		Category	Gain (Loss)		Category	Gain (Loss)
Interest rate sv	wap (1)	\$(545) Interest Expense	\$ —		Other Income	\$—
Interest rate sv	wap (2)	(647) Interest Expense	_		Other Income	_
Interest rate sv	wap (3)	(843) Interest Expense	_		Other Income	_

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6. Deferred Income Taxes

Net deferred tax assets consisted of the following as of September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014.

	September 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
Deferred tax assets:		
Allowance for loan losses	\$5,571	\$5,171
Intangibles	848	1,079
Other real estate owned	367	367
Accrued expenses	830	891
Restricted stock compensation	230	184
Net unrealized losses on interest rate swaps	613	99
State net operating loss carryforward	1,170	1,100
Capital loss carryforward	797	797
Other	44	46
	10,470	9,734
Deferred tax liabilities:		
Net deferred loan fees and costs	341	334
Premises and equipment	436	565
Net unrealized gains on securities available for sale	684	255
Other	329	350
	1,790	1,504
Net deferred tax assets before valuation allowance	8,680	8,230
Valuation allowance	(1,967)	(1,897)
Net deferred tax assets	\$6,713	\$6,333

The Company has recorded a valuation allowance against the tax effect of the state net operating loss carryforwards and federal and state capital loss carryforwards, as management believes it is more likely than not that such carryforwards will expire without being utilized.

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7. Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)

The following table summarizes the changes in the balances of each component of accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax, for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014.

	Noncredit-relate	d						
	Unrealized		Unrealized		Unrealized		Accumulated	
	Gains (Losses)		Gains (Losse	s)	Gains		Other	
	on Securities		on Securities		(Losses) on		Comprehensive	3
	with OTTI		without OTT	I	Derivatives		Income (Loss)	
Balance, December 31, 2013	\$(1,439)	\$(4,217)	\$2,118		\$(3,538)
Other comprehensive income (loss) before								
reclassifications	361		4,634		(1,479)	3,516	
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other								
comprehensive income			(446)	45		(401)
Net current period other comprehensive income	361		4,188		(1,434)	3,115	
(loss)			•			,		
Balance, September 30, 2014	\$(1,078)	\$(29)	\$684		\$(423)
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Balance, December 31, 2014	\$—		\$416		\$(162)	\$254	
Other comprehensive income (loss) before								
reclassifications	_		747		(911)	(164)
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other								
comprehensive income	_		(47)	73		26	
Net current period other comprehensive income	_		700		(838)	(138)
(loss)						,		,
Balance, September 30, 2015	\$—		\$1,116		\$(1,000)	\$116	
8. Commitments and Contingencies								

8. Commitments and Contingencies

Financial instruments with off-balance-sheet risk: The Company is party to financial instruments with off-balance-sheet risk in the normal course of business to meet the financing needs of its customers. These financial instruments include commitments to extend credit and standby letters of credit. These instruments involve, to varying degrees, elements of credit risk in excess of the amount recognized in the consolidated balance sheets. The Company's exposure to credit loss in the event of nonperformance by the other party to the financial instrument for commitments to extend credit and standby letters of credit is represented by the contractual amount of those instruments. The Company uses the same credit policies in making commitments and conditional obligations that it uses for on-balance-sheet instruments. The Company's commitments consisted of the following approximate amounts as of September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014.

	September 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
Commitments to extend credit	\$526,573	\$441,124
Standby letters of credit	5,803	14,595
	\$532,376	\$455,719

West Bank previously had executed Mortgage Partnership Finance (MPF) Master Commitments (Commitments) with the FHLB of Des Moines to deliver mortgage loans and to guarantee the payment of any realized losses that exceed

the FHLB's first loss account for mortgages delivered under the Commitments. West Bank receives credit enhancement fees from the FHLB for providing this guarantee and continuing to assist with managing the credit risk of the MPF Program mortgage loans. The term of the most recent Commitment was through January 16, 2015 and was not renewed. At September 30, 2015, the liability represented by the present value of the credit enhancement fees less any expected losses in the mortgages delivered under the Commitments was approximately \$377.

Contractual commitments: The Company has remaining commitments to invest in four qualified affordable housing projects totaling \$4,292 as of September 30, 2015.

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Contingencies: On September 29, 2010, West Bank was sued in a class action lawsuit that, as amended, asserts nonsufficient funds fees charged by West Bank to Iowa resident customers on debit card transactions are usurious under the Iowa Consumer Credit Code, rather than allowable fees, and that the sequence in which West Bank formerly posted debit card transactions for payment violated various alleged duties of good faith and ordinary care. Plaintiffs are seeking alternative remedies that include injunctive relief, damages (including treble damages), punitive damages, refund of fees and attorney fees. The case is currently being brought by Darla and Jason T. Legg, on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated, in the Iowa District Court for Polk County, Iowa. West Bank believes it has substantial defenses and is vigorously defending the action. The trial court entered orders on preliminary motions on March 4, 2014. It dismissed one of the plaintiffs' claims and found that factual disputes precluded summary judgment in West Bank's favor on the remaining claims. In addition, the court certified two classes for further proceedings. West Bank appealed the adverse rulings to the Iowa Supreme Court. The Iowa Supreme Court heard oral arguments on October 13, 2015. The cases have now been submitted for decisions, and West Bank believes the opinions will be released during the first half of 2016. The amount of potential loss, if any, cannot be reasonably estimated now because of the unresolved legal issues and because, among other things, the multiple alternative claims involve different time periods, burdens of proof, defenses and potential remedies.

Except as described above, neither the Company nor West Bank is a party, and no property of these entities is subject, to any other material pending legal proceedings, other than ordinary routine litigation incidental to West Bank's business. The Company does not know of any proceeding contemplated by a governmental authority against the Company or West Bank.

9. Fair Value Measurements

Accounting guidance on fair value measurements and disclosures defines fair value and establishes a framework for measuring the fair value of assets and liabilities using a hierarchy system. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants in the market in which the reporting entity transacts business.

The Company's balance sheet contains securities available for sale and derivative instruments that are recorded at fair value on a recurring basis. The three-level valuation hierarchy for disclosure of fair value is as follows:

Level 1 uses quoted market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2 uses observable market-based inputs or unobservable inputs that are corroborated by market data.

Level 3 uses unobservable inputs that are not corroborated by market data.

The Company's policy is to recognize transfers between Levels at the end of each reporting period, if applicable. There were no transfers between Levels of the fair value hierarchy during the nine months ended September 30, 2015.

The following is a description of valuation methodologies used for assets and liabilities recorded at fair value on a recurring basis.

Investment securities available for sale: When available, quoted market prices are used to determine the fair value of investment securities. If quoted market prices are not available, the Company determines fair value based on various sources and may apply matrix pricing with observable prices for similar bonds where a price for the identical bond is not observable. The fair values of these securities are determined by pricing models that consider observable market data such as interest rate volatilities, LIBOR yield curve, credit spreads, prices from market makers and live trading systems. Level 1 securities include certain corporate bonds and preferred stocks, and would include U.S. Treasuries, if any were held. Level 2 securities include U.S. government and agency securities, collateralized mortgage obligations, mortgage-backed securities, state and political subdivision securities, and a trust preferred security. The Company currently holds no investment securities classified as Level 3.

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Generally, management obtains the fair value of investment securities at the end of each reporting period via a third party pricing service. Management, with the assistance of an independent investment advisory firm, reviewed the valuation process used by the third party and believes that process was valid. On a quarterly basis, management corroborates the fair values of investment securities by obtaining pricing from an independent investment advisory firm and compares the two sets of fair values. Any significant variances are reviewed and investigated. In addition, the Company has instituted a practice of further testing the fair values of a sample of securities. For that sample, the prices are further validated by management, with assistance from an independent investment advisory firm, by obtaining details of the inputs used by the pricing service. Those inputs were independently tested, and management concluded the fair values were consistent with GAAP requirements and securities were properly classified in the fair value hierarchy.

Derivative instruments: The Company's derivative instruments consist of interest rate swaps, which are accounted for as cash flow hedges. The Company's derivative position is classified within Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy and is valued using models generally accepted in the financial services industry and that use actively quoted or observable market input values from external market data providers and/or non-binding broker-dealer quotations. The fair value of the derivatives are determined using discounted cash flow models. These models' key assumptions include the contractual terms of the respective contract along with significant observable inputs, including interest rates, yield curves, nonperformance risk and volatility.

The following tables present the balances of assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis by level as of September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014.

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	September 30, 2015				
	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
Financial assets:					
Investment securities available for sale:					
U.S. government agencies and corporations	\$2,729	\$ —	\$2,729	\$ —	
State and political subdivisions	62,540	_	62,540		
Collateralized mortgage obligations	142,206	_	142,206		
Mortgage-backed securities	106,949	_	106,949		
Trust preferred security	1,036	_	1,036		
Corporate notes and equity securities	10,157	9,857	300	_	
Financial liabilities:					
Derivative instruments, interest rate swaps	\$1,116	\$ —	\$1,116	\$ —	
_	December 3	31, 2014			
	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
Financial assets:					
Investment securities available for sale:					
U.S. government agencies and corporations	\$12,820	\$ —	\$12,820	\$ —	
State and political subdivisions	52,359		52,359		
Collateralized mortgage obligations	125,870	_	125,870	_	
Mortgage-backed securities	66,153		66,153	_	
Trust preferred security	918		918		

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Corporate notes and equity securities	14,670	14,370	300	_
Financial liabilities: Derivative instruments, interest rate swaps	\$261	\$ —	\$261	\$ —
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West Bancorporation, Inc. and Subsidiary Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited) (in thousands, except per share data)

The following table presents changes in investment securities available for sale with significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014. The activity in the table consists of one pooled trust preferred security, which was considered to have OTTI and was sold in December 2014.

	Three Months Ended September		Nine Months E	nded September
	30,		30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
Beginning balance	\$ —	\$2,207	\$—	\$1,850
Transfer into level 3	_	_	_	_
Total gains:				
Included in earnings		_		_
Included in other comprehensive income	_	226		583
Sale of security		_		_
Principal payments		_		_
Ending balance	\$ —	\$2,433	\$ —	\$2,433

Certain assets are measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis. That is, they are subject to fair value adjustments in certain circumstances (for example, when there is evidence of impairment). The following tables present those assets carried on the balance sheet by caption and by level within the valuation hierarchy as of September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014.

	September 30,	2015		
	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Impaired loans	\$158	\$ —	\$—	\$158
Other real estate owned	2,235	_	_	2,235
	December 31,	2014		
	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Impaired loans	\$1,266	\$—	\$	\$1,266

Loans in the previous tables consist of impaired loans for which a fair value adjustment was recorded. Impaired loans are evaluated and valued at the lower of cost or fair value when the loan is identified as impaired. Fair value is measured based on the value of the collateral securing these loans. Collateral may be real estate or business assets such as equipment, inventory or accounts receivable. Fair value is determined by management evaluations or independent appraisals. Appraised or reported values may be discounted based on management's opinions concerning market developments or the client's business. Other real estate owned in the tables above consists of property acquired through foreclosures and loan settlements. Property acquired is carried at fair value of the property less estimated disposal costs. Fair value of other real estate owned is determined by management by obtaining appraisals or other market value information at the time of acquisition, is updated at least annually, and may be discounted.

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The following tables present additional quantitative information about assets measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis for which the Company has utilized Level 3 inputs to determine fair value as of September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014.

	September 30, 201	5			
	Fair Value	Valuation Technique	Unobservable Input	Range (Average)	
Impaired loans	\$158	Evaluation of collateral	Estimation of value	NM*	
Other real estate owned	2,235	Appraisal	Appraisal adjustment	0.0% - 25.0% (25.0%)	
	December 31, 201	4			
	Fair Value	Valuation Technique	Unobservable Input	Range (Average)	
Impaired loans	\$1,266	Evaluation of collateral	Estimation of value	NM*	
Other real estate owned	2,235	Appraisal	Appraisal adjustment	0.0% - 25.0% (25.0%)	

^{*} Not Meaningful. Evaluations of the underlying assets are completed for each impaired loan with a specific reserve. The types of collateral vary widely and could include accounts receivables, inventory, a variety of equipment and real estate. Collateral evaluations are reviewed and discounted as appropriate based on knowledge of the specific type of collateral. In the case of real estate, an independent appraisal may be obtained. Types of discounts considered included aging of receivables, condition of the collateral, potential market for the collateral and estimated disposal costs. These discounts will vary from loan to loan, thus providing a range would not be meaningful.

GAAP requires disclosure of the fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities, including those that are not measured and reported at fair value on a recurring or nonrecurring basis. The methodologies for estimating the fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities that are measured at fair value on a recurring or nonrecurring basis are discussed above. The methodologies for other financial assets and financial liabilities are discussed below.

Cash and due from banks: The carrying amount approximates fair value.

Federal funds sold: The carrying amount approximates fair value.

Investment securities held to maturity: The fair values of these securities, which are all state and political subdivisions, are determined by the same method described previously for investment securities available for sale.

FHLB stock: The fair value of this restricted stock is estimated at its carrying value and redemption price of \$100 per share.

Loans: The fair values of fixed rate loans are estimated using discounted cash flow analysis based on observable market interest rates currently being offered for loans with similar terms to borrowers with similar credit quality. The carrying values of variable rate loans approximate their fair values.

Deposits: The carrying amounts for demand and savings deposits, which represent the amounts payable on demand, approximate their fair values. The fair values for certificates of deposit are estimated using discounted cash flow analysis, based on observable market interest rates currently being offered on certificates with similar terms.

Accrued interest receivable and payable: The fair values of both accrued interest receivable and payable approximate their carrying amounts.

Borrowings: The carrying amounts of federal funds purchased, short-term borrowings, variable rate FHLB advances, and variable rate long-term borrowings approximate their fair values. Fair values of subordinated notes, fixed rate FHLB advances and other long-term borrowings are estimated using discounted cash flow analysis, based on observable market interest rates currently being offered with similar terms.

Commitments to extend credit and standby letters of credit: The approximate fair values of commitments and standby letters of credit are based on the fees currently charged to enter into similar agreements, taking into account the remaining terms of the agreements and creditworthiness of the counterparties.

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The following table presents the carrying amounts and approximate fair values of financial assets and liabilities as of September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014.

-		September 30, 2015		December 31	, 2014
	Fair Value	Carrying	Approximate	Carrying	Approximate
	Hierarchy Level	Amount	Fair Value	Amount	Fair Value
Financial assets:					
Cash and due from banks	Level 1	\$36,194	\$36,194	\$27,936	\$27,936
Federal funds sold	Level 1	18,592	18,592	11,845	11,845
Investment securities available for sale	See previous table	325,617	325,617	272,790	272,790
Investment securities held to maturity	Level 2	51,280	51,260	51,343	51,501
Federal Home Loan Bank stock	Level 1	14,210	14,210	15,075	15,075
Loans, net ⁽¹⁾	Level 2	1,225,378	1,232,652	1,170,438	1,199,832
Accrued interest receivable	Level 1	5,041	5,041	4,425	4,425
Financial liabilities:					
Deposits	Level 2	1,387,136	1,387,459	1,270,462	1,270,987
Federal funds purchased	Level 1	2,660	2,660	2,975	2,975
Short-term borrowings	Level 1	59,000	59,000	66,000	66,000
Subordinated notes	Level 2	20,619	11,909	20,619	13,330
Federal Home Loan Bank advances, net	Level 2	98,008	98,639	96,888	96,312
Long-term debt	Level 2	9,730	9,641	12,676	12,571
Accrued interest payable	Level 1	389	389	419	419
Interest rate swaps	Level 2	1,116	1,116	261	261
Off-balance-sheet financial instruments:					
Commitments to extend credit	Level 3	_			_
Standby letters of credit	Level 3	_	_	_	_

⁽¹⁾ All loans are Level 2 except impaired loans of \$158 and \$1,266 as of September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively, which are Level 3.

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Management's Discussion and Analysis
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Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

"SAFE HARBOR" CONCERNING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Certain statements in this report, other than purely historical information, including estimates, projections, statements relating to our business plans, objectives and expected operating results, and the assumptions upon which those statements are based, are "forward-looking statements" within the meanings of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act). Forward-looking statements may appear throughout this report. These forward-looking statements are generally identified by the words "believes," "expects," "intends," "anticipates," "projects," "future," "may," "should," "will," "strategy," "plan," "opportunity," "will be," "will likely result," "will continue" or similar rereferences to estimates, predictions or future events. Such forward-looking statements are based upon certain underlying assumptions, risks and uncertainties. Because of the possibility that the underlying assumptions are incorrect or do not materialize as expected in the future, actual results could differ materially from these forward-looking statements. Risks and uncertainties that may affect future results include: interest rate risk; competitive pressures; pricing pressures on loans and deposits; changes in credit and other risks posed by the Company's loan and investment portfolios, including declines in commercial or residential real estate values or changes in the allowance for loan losses dictated by new market conditions or regulatory requirements; actions of bank and nonbank competitors; changes in local and national economic conditions; changes in regulatory requirements, limitations and costs; changes in customers' acceptance of the Company's products and services; cyber-attacks; and any other risks described in the "Risk Factors" sections of this and other reports filed by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Company undertakes no obligation to revise or update such forward-looking statements to reflect current or future events or circumstances after the date hereof or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations are based upon our consolidated financial statements that have been prepared in accordance with GAAP. The preparation of these financial statements requires management to make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. These estimates are based upon historical experience and on various other assumptions that management believes are reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions. The estimates and judgments that management believes have the most effect on the Company's reported financial position and results of operations are described as critical accounting policies in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 5, 2015. There have been no significant changes in the critical accounting policies or the assumptions and judgments utilized in applying these policies since the year ended December 31, 2014.

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THREE AND NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2015

OVERVIEW

The following discussion describes the consolidated operations and financial condition of the Company, which includes West Bank and West Bank's wholly owned subsidiary WB Funding Corporation (which owns an interest in SmartyPig, LLC). West Bank's 99.99 percent owned subsidiary ICD IV, LLC, a community development entity, was liquidated during the third quarter of 2014 when the underlying loan matured. Results of operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 are compared to the results for the same periods in 2014, and the consolidated financial condition of the Company as of September 30, 2015 is compared to balances as of December 31, 2014. The Company operates in three markets: central Iowa, which is generally the greater Des Moines metropolitan area; eastern Iowa, which is the area including and surrounding Iowa City and Coralville, Iowa; and the Rochester, Minnesota area.

Net income for the three months ended September 30, 2015 was \$5,426, or \$0.34 per diluted common share, compared to \$5,063, or \$0.32 per diluted common share, for the three months ended September 30, 2014. The Company's annualized return on average assets (ROA) and return on average equity (ROE) for the three months ended September 30, 2015 were 1.28 and 14.63 percent, respectively, compared to 1.32 and 15.00 percent, respectively, for the three months ended September 30, 2014.

The increase in net income for the three months ended September 30, 2015 compared to the same period in 2014 was primarily due to a \$1,417 increase in net interest income. The 11.5 percent increase in net interest income over the same three months of 2014 was primarily the result of loan growth. The increase in net interest income was partially offset by an increase of \$100 in the provision for loan losses, a \$412 reduction in revenue from residential mortgage banking, a reduction of \$210 in investment securities gains, and a \$163 increase in noninterest expense. As previously disclosed, the Company changed its process for providing first mortgage loans to its customers at the end of 2014. Starting in January 2015, residential mortgage underwriting and processing were outsourced, and funding for residential mortgages is provided by a third party. The Company now receives a fee from that third party for each residential mortgage loan initiated and closed by our retail staff. The reduction in this source of revenue had a correlating reduction in associated operating costs.

Net income for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 was \$15,801, or \$0.98 per diluted common share, compared to \$14,202, or \$0.89 per diluted common share, for the nine months ended September 30, 2014. The Company's annualized ROA and ROE for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 were 1.28 and 14.62 percent, respectively, compared to 1.27 and 14.61 percent, respectively, for the nine months ended September 30, 2014.

The improvement in net income for first nine months of 2015 compared to the same period in 2014 was primarily due to a \$3,810, or 10.5 percent, increase in net interest income for the same reason mentioned above. Partially offsetting this increase for the first nine months of 2015 compared to the same period in 2104, the provision for loan losses increased \$150, and noninterest income declined \$1,776, mainly due to lower residential mortgage banking revenue and lower net gains on sales of investment securities. Noninterest expense declined \$314 for the first nine months of 2015 compared to the first nine months of 2014 primarily due to the combination of the change in residential mortgage banking operations and lower costs associated with holding other real estate owned.

Total loans outstanding increased \$55,993 during the first nine months of the year compared to December 31, 2014. Management believes loan growth will continue to be strong in the fourth quarter of 2015, but may be somewhat

mitigated by expected payoffs. Credit quality remained strong as evidenced by the Company's Texas ratio, which was 2.35 percent as of September 30, 2015 compared to 2.71 percent as of December 31, 2014. As of September 30, 2015, the allowance for loan losses was 1.18 percent of loans outstanding compared to 1.15 percent as of December 31, 2014.

The Company was recently named as a "Sm-All Star" for the fourth year in a row by the investment banking firm Sandler O'Neill + Partners, L.P. The list is composed of top-performing, publicly traded, small-cap banks and thrifts in the United States. For purposes of the analysis, small-cap companies were those with a market value between \$25 million and \$2.5 billion. Out of 435 comparable companies, only 34 were named as 2015 Sm-All Stars. The Company is the only bank or thrift on the list in 2015 to receive the honor for the fourth consecutive year and is the only Iowa or Minnesota bank to be recognized. The criteria used to determine the 2015 Sm-All Stars concentrated on growth, profitability, credit quality and capital strength. Additional criteria included having a net charge-off ratio over the prior 12 months of less than 0.25 percent and a tangible common equity ratio above 7.00 percent as of June 30, 2015.

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The Company's four key performance metrics are compared to our identified peer group of 16 companies throughout the year. The group of 16 publicly traded peer financial institutions against which we compared our performance each quarter consists of BankFinancial Corporation, Baylake Corp., Farmers Capital Bank Corporation, First Defiance Financial Corp., First Mid-Illinois Bancshares, Inc., Hills Bancorporation, Horizon Bancorp, Isabella Bank Corporation, Mercantile Bank Corporation, MidWestOne Financial Group, Inc., MutualFirst Financial, Inc., Peoples Bancorp, Pulaski Financial Corp., QCR Holdings, Inc., Southwest Bancorp and Waterstone Financial, Inc. When contrasted with the peer group's metrics through June 30, 2015, the Company's metrics for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 were better than those of each company in the peer group as of June 30, 2015 (latest data available) as shown in the table below.

	West			
	Bancorporation,	Peer Group Range		
	Inc.			
	Nine months	Six months ended		
	ended September	June 30, 2015		
	30, 2015	June 50, 2015		
Return on average assets	1.28%	0.28% - 1.26%		
Return on average equity	14.62%	2.17% - 12.49%		
Efficiency ratio*	47.12%	53.49% - 78.29%		
Texas ratio*	2.35%	2.97% - 33.63%		

^{*} A lower ratio is more desirable.

The Company's previously disclosed plan to build a permanent office in Rochester, Minnesota moved forward with a formal ground breaking on October 5, 2015. The new facility is expected to open in the third quarter of 2016, and we believe it will enhance our ability to expand our customer base in that market.

The Board of Directors declared a quarterly dividend of \$0.16 per common share at its meeting on October 28, 2015. The dividend is payable on November 25, 2015, to stockholders of record as of November 11, 2015.

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RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following table shows selected financial results and measures for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 compared with the same periods in 2014.

	Three Months Ended September 30,						Nine Months Ended September 30,									
	2015		2014	Change Change %			2015 2014		Change		Change %					
Net income	\$5,426		\$5,063		\$363		7.17	%	\$15,801 \$14,202		\$14,202		\$1,599		11.26	%
Average assets	1,678,00	5	1,517,14	1 5	160,860)	10.60	%	1,652,232	2	1,493,02	4	159,208		10.66	%
Average																
stockholders'	147,120		133,896		13,224		9.88	%	144,540		129,958		14,582		11.22	%
equity																
Return on average	1.28	%	1.32	%	(0.04)%			1.28	%	1.27	%	0.01	%		
assets					(, .										
Return on average	14.63	%	15.00	%	(0.37)%			14.62	%	14.61	%	0.01	%		
equity		01	2.50			01			2.50	01	2.50	01	0.01	01		
Net interest margin			3.56		0.03	%			3.59		3.58		0.01	%		
Efficiency ratio*	46.30	%	48.39	%	(2.09))%			47.12	%	50.16	%	(3.04)%		
Dividend payout ratio	47.36	%	37.96	%	9.40	%			46.72	%	39.43	%	7.29	%		
Average equity to																
average																
assets ratio	8.77	%	8.83	%	(0.06)%			8.75	%	8.70	%	0.05	%		
								As of September 30,								
							2015 2014				Change					
Texas ratio*									2.35	%	6.21	%	(3.86)%		
Equity to assets													•			
ratio									8.61	%	8.91	%	(0.30))%		
Tangible common	equity rat	io							8.61	%	8.91	%	(0.30)%		
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^{*} A lower ratio is more desirable.

Definitions of ratios:

Return on average assets - annualized net income divided by average assets.

Return on average equity - annualized net income divided by average stockholders' equity.

Net interest margin - annualized tax-equivalent net interest income divided by average interest-earning assets.

Efficiency ratio - noninterest expense (excluding other real estate owned expense) divided by noninterest income (excluding net securities gains and gains/losses on disposition of premises and equipment) plus tax-equivalent net interest income.

Dividend payout ratio - dividends paid to common stockholders divided by net income.

Texas ratio - total nonperforming assets divided by tangible common equity plus the allowance for loan losses.

Equity to assets ratio - average equity divided by average assets.

Tangible common equity ratio - common equity less intangible assets divided by tangible assets.

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Net Interest Income

The following tables present average balances and related interest income or interest expense, with the resulting average yield or rate by category of interest-earning assets or interest-bearing liabilities. Interest income and the resulting net interest income are shown on a fully taxable basis.

Data for the three months ended September 30:

	Average Ba	lance		Interest Income/Expense						Yield/Rate			
	2015	2014	Change	Chang %	e-	2015	2014	Change	Chang	e-	2015	2014	Change
Interest-earning assets: Loans:				,,,					,.				
Commercial Real estate	\$337,915 877,732	\$273,249 784,995	\$64,666 92,737	23.67 11.81		\$3,564 9,921	\$2,897 9,134	\$667 787	23.02 8.62				(0.03)% (0.14)%
Consumer and other	8,052	10,408	(2,356)	(22.64)%	84	101	(17) (16.83)%	4.12%	3.85%	0.27 %
Total loans	1,223,699	1,068,652	155,047	14.51	%	13,569	12,132	1,437	11.84	%	4.40%	4.50%	(0.10)%
Investment securities:	211 227	240,400	(20.101		\~	1.01-	1.101	.15 .	\	.~	1.02.5	1.01.51	0.00
Taxable Tax-exempt	211,297 107,408	249,488 95,183	(38,191) 12,225) (15.31 12.84			1,191 1,089	(174 106) (14.61 9.73				0.02 % (0.13)%
Total investment securities	318,705	344,671	(25,966)				2,280	(68					0.13 %
Federal funds sold Total	43,725	20,342	23,383	114.95	5 %	28	13	15	115.38	8 %	0.26%	0.25%	0.01 %
interest-earning assets	\$1,586,129	\$1,433,665	\$152,464	10.63	%	15,809	14,425	1,384	9.59	%	3.95%	3.99%	(0.04)%
Interest-bearing liabilities: Deposits: Interest-bearing demand, savings and money													
market	\$815,195	\$742,875	\$72,320	9.74		302	307	(5					(0.01)%
Time deposits Total deposits	121,356 936,551	151,089 893,964	(29,733) 42,587) (19.68 4.76		198 500	285 592	(87 (92					(0.10)% $(0.05)%$
Other borrowed funds	•	139,980		0.48			979	(38	,				(0.09)%

Total

interest-bearing

liabilities \$1,075,853 \$1,033,944 \$41,909 4.05 % 1,441 1,571 (130) (8.27)% 0.53% 0.60% (0.07)%

Tax-equivalent net interest

\$14,368 \$12,854 \$1,514 11.78 %

income

Net interest 3.42 % 3.39 % 0.03 %

spread Net interest

Net interest 3.59% 3.56% 0.03 %

margin

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Data for the nine months ended September 30:

Average Balance				Interest Income/Expense					Yield/Rate			
2015	2014	Change	Change-	2015	2014	Change	Change-	2015	2014	Change		

Interest-earning assets: