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Form 8-K  
April 23, 2004

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): April 23, 2004  
(April 19, 2004)

FIRST BANCTRUST CORPORATION  
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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE	000-32535	37-1406661
State or other jurisdiction of Incorporation	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

206 SOUTH CENTRAL AVENUE, PARIS, IL 61944  
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(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(217) 465-6381  
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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS.

On April 19, 2004, First BancTrust Corporation issued a news release announcing that its Board of Directors has declared a 2-for-1 stock split payable in the form of a 100% stock dividend on May 21, 2004, to shareholders of record on April 30, 2004. The release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1

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and is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(a) Exhibits.

Exhibit Number

99.1 Press Release, dated April 19, 2004  
issued by First BancTrust Corporation

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

FIRST BANCTRUST CORPORATION

Dated: April 22, 2004

/s/Terry J. Howard

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Terry J. Howard  
President and Chief Executive Officer

Dated: April 22, 2004

/s/Ellen M. Litteral

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Ellen M. Litteral  
Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

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