

SIMMONS FIRST NATIONAL CORP
Form 8-K
August 29, 2012
UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) August 27, 2012

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

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| Arkansas (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) | 0-6253 (Commission File Number) | 71-0407808 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.) |
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| 501 Main Street, Pine Bluff, Arkansas (Address of principal executive offices) | 71601 (Zip Code) |
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(870) 541-1000
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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OTHER EVENTS.

The Audit & Security Committee of the Board of Directors of the Company today elected W. Scott McGeorge as its Chairman, following the resignation of George Makris, who was recently elected as CEO Elect of the Company. Mr. McGeorge has served on the Board of the Company and its Audit & Security Committee since 2005.

Mr. McGeorge is employed by a group of family owned companies that include Pine Bluff Sand & Gravel Co., McGeorge Contracting Co., Inc. and Cornerstone Farm and Gin Co., where he serves as President, Chairman and Senior VP and Vice President, respectively. The companies perform marine construction in a multistate regional area, build highways and similar projects, mine various minerals and produce and sell stone products, asphalt pavement and sand. Cornerstone is engaged in farming operations.

Mr. McGeorge also serves as Secretary of the Board of Directors of the National Stone Sand and Gravel Association in Alexandria, Virginia, is a member of the Boards of Directors of Dredging Contractors of America and National Waterways Conference, both located in Washington, D.C. and is Past President and a current Director of Mississippi Valley Associated General Contractors in Memphis, Tennessee. He is active in many local and civic activities. He is President of Trinity Foundation, a charitable foundation that seeks to benefit residents of Pine Bluff, Little Rock and the surrounding areas through grants for scholarships, support of educational institutions and other civic activities.

SIGNATURE

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.

SIMMONS FIRST NATIONAL CORPORATION

/s/ Robert A. Fehlman
Robert A. Fehlman
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Date: August 28, 2012