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Form 8-K
April 11, 2002

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

April 11, 2002 (April 11, 2002)
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

OHIO VALLEY BANC CORP
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Ohio
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

0-20914 31-1359191
(Commission file number) (IRS Employer Identification Number)

420 Third Avenue, Gallipolis, Ohio 45631
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (740) 446-2631

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

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Item 1. Changes in Control of Registrant.
Not applicable.

Item 2. Acquisition or Disposition of Assets.
Not applicable.

Item 3. Bankruptcy or Receivership.
Not applicable.

Item 4. Changes in Registrant's Certifying Accountant.
Not applicable.

Item 5. Other Events.

On April 11, 2002, Ohio Valley Banc Corp issued a news release announcing its earnings for the three months ended March 31, 2002. The information contained in the news release, which is attached as Exhibit 99 to this Form 8-K, is incorporated herein by this reference.

Item 6. Resignations of Registrant's Directors.
Not applicable.

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Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (a) Financial statements of business acquired:
Not applicable.
- (b) Pro forma financial information:
Not applicable.
- (c) Exhibits:
99 Press release of Ohio Valley Banc Corp dated April 11, 2002, announcing the company's earnings for the three months ended March 31, 2002.

Item 8. Change in Fiscal Year.
Not applicable.

Item 9. Sales of Equity Securities Pursuant to Regulation S.
Not applicable.

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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 thereunto duly authorized.

OHIO VALLEY BANC CORP

Date: April 11, 2002

By /s/ Jeffrey E. Smith

Jeffrey E. Smith, President and
Chief Executive Officer

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EXHIBIT INDEX

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Exhibit 99

OVBC DIVIDENDS & EARNINGS UP

Gallipolis, Ohio, April 11, 2002

Ohio Valley Banc Corp today reported consolidated net earnings for the quarter ended March 31, 2002 of \$1,252,000 representing a 13.1% increase over the \$1,107,000 for the same time period a year ago. Net income per share increased 12.5% for the first quarter at \$.36 per share compared to \$.32 per share in the first quarter of 2001. With continued strong earnings growth, OVBC directors approved a 6.25% increase in quarterly cash dividends. Cash dividends will increase to \$.17 per share from \$.16 per share payable May 10, 2002 to shareholders of record April 22, 2002. President and CEO Jeffrey E. Smith made the announcement at the Company's annual shareholders' meeting held Wednesday afternoon at the Morris and Dorothy Haskins Ariel Theatre in Gallipolis, Ohio. Also, during the meeting, Phil A. Bowman, W. Lowell Call and James L. Dailey were reelected to the Ohio Valley Banc Corp Board of Directors to serve a three year term ending in 2005.

Management was pleased to continue the accomplishments achieved in 2001 of double-digit earnings growth while improving asset quality. The earnings performance improved over the prior year due to a strong 23% increase in net interest income. The Company's net interest margin benefited from the decline in interest rates that occurred throughout 2001. For the first quarter of 2002, the net interest margin was 4.38% , as compared to 4.06% for the same period in 2001. The increase in the net interest margin combined with the growth in earning assets of 14% provided additional net interest income of \$1,204,000.

Noninterest income totaled \$1,280,000 for the first quarter of 2002 compared to \$1,166,000 a year ago representing a 9.8% increase. Income from bank owned life insurance and loan service fees provided a majority of the growth. Noninterest expense totaled \$4,773,000 in 2002, an increase of \$394,000 or 9.0%. Salary and employee benefits, the Company's largest noninterest expense, totaled \$2,619,000 for the first quarter of 2002, up \$256,000 from the prior year. The increase was affected by annual merit increases and rising benefit costs. The Company's efficiency ratio continues to improve as revenue sources (net interest income and noninterest income) continue to outpace the growth in noninterest expense. The efficiency ratio for the first quarter of 2002 improved to 61.2% from 67.5% in 2001.

During the first quarter of 2002, management continued to emphasize asset quality which is important in a period of economic slowdown. The Company's provision for loan losses increased \$715,000 over the first quarter of 2001 in relation to an increase in net charge-offs of \$614,000 that occurred mostly in installment and commercial loans. Nonperforming loans as a percent of total loans declined to 1.06% at March 31, 2002 as compared to 1.24% at year end 2001. The allowance for loan losses was 1.23% of total loans at March 31, 2002, unchanged from December 31, 2001. Management feels that the allowance for loan

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losses is adequate to absorb probable losses inherent in the loan portfolio based on collateral values and decline in nonperforming loans.

The financial results for the first quarter continue Management's commitment to enhance earnings to improve shareholders' value. The double-digit earnings growth led to an improved return on average equity of 10.86% for the three months ended March 31, 2002 versus 10.11% for the first three months of 2001.

Ohio Valley Banc Corp common stock is traded on the NASDAQ Stock Market under the symbol OVBC. The holding company owns two subsidiaries: Ohio Valley Bank, with 17 offices in Ohio and West Virginia, and Loan Central, with four consumer finance company offices in Ohio. Learn more about Ohio Valley Banc Corp at www.ovbc.com.

OHIO VALLEY BANC CORP - Financial Highlights (Unaudited)

	Three months ended March 31,	
	2002	2001
PER SHARE DATA		
Earnings per share	\$0.36	\$0.32
Dividend per share	\$0.16	\$0.15
Book value per share	\$13.58	\$12.97
Dividend payout ratio	44.17%	47.26%
Weighted average shares outstanding	3,459,235	3,480,615
PERFORMANCE RATIOS		
Return on average equity	10.86%	10.11%
Return on average assets	0.80%	0.80%
Net interest margin	4.38%	4.06%
Efficiency Ratio	61.21%	67.53%
Average Earning Assets (in 000's)	\$599,272	\$525,927

OHIO VALLEY BANC CORP - Consolidated Statements of Income (Unaudited)

	Three months ended March 31,	
(in \$000's)	2002	2001
Interest income:		
Interest and fees on loans	\$10,647	\$10,389
Interest and dividends on securities	962	1,134
Total interest income	11,609	11,523
Interest expense:		
Deposits	3,900	5,256
Borrowings	1,336	1,098
Total interest expense	5,236	6,354
Net interest income	6,373	5,169
Provision for loan losses	1,142	427
Noninterest income:		
Service charges on deposit accounts	694	698
Trust fees	54	55
Income from bank owned insurance	171	138
Other	361	275
Total noninterest income	1,280	1,166

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Noninterest expense:		
Salaries and employee benefits	2,619	2,363
Occupancy expense	311	316
Furniture and equipment expense	263	273
Data processing expense	147	107
Other	1,433	1,320
Total noninterest expense	4,773	4,379
Income before income taxes	1,738	1,529
Income taxes	486	422
NET INCOME	\$1,252	\$1,107

OHIO VALLEY BANC CORP - Consolidated Balance Sheets (Unaudited)

(in 000's)	March 31, 2002	December 31, 2001
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ASSETS		
Cash and noninterest-bearing deposits with banks	\$15,874	\$17,288
Federal funds sold	24,600	9,000
Total cash and cash equivalents	40,474	26,288
Interest-bearing balances with banks	1,791	1,264
Securities available-for-sale	54,079	61,559
Securities held-to-maturity (estimated fair value: 2002 - \$14,688 , 2001 - \$14,421)	14,303	13,973
Total loans	517,676	508,660
Less: Allowance for loan losses	(6,377)	(6,251)
Net loans	511,299	502,409
Premises and equipment, net	8,449	8,702
Accrued income receivable	3,314	3,420
Intangible assets, net	1,234	1,267
Bank owned life insurance	12,237	12,089
Other assets	4,467	4,028
Total assets	\$651,647	\$634,999
LIABILITIES		
Noninterest-bearing deposits	\$58,247	\$56,735
Interest-bearing deposits	421,748	399,126
Total deposits	479,995	455,861
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase	16,410	29,274
Other borrowed funds	87,137	90,856
Obligated mandatorily redeemable capital securities of subsidiary trust	13,500	5,000
Accrued liabilities	7,590	7,708
Total liabilities	604,632	588,699
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Common stock (\$1.00 stated value, 10,000,000 shares authorized; 2002 - 3,592,956 shares issued, 2001 - 3,579,250 shares issued)	3,593	3,579
Additional paid-in capital	29,524	29,207
Retained Earnings	16,677	15,979
Accumulated other comprehensive income	729	1,043
Treasury stock at cost (2002 and 2001 - 129,990 shares)	(3,508)	(3,508)
Total shareholders' equity	47,015	46,300
Total liabilities and		

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shareholders' equity	\$651,647	\$634,999
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