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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549  
FORM 10-Q

QUARTERLY REPORT  
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2010  
Commission File Number: 0-28846

Centrue Financial Corporation  
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware  
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or  
organization)

36-3145350  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

7700 Bonhomme Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105  
(Address of principal executive offices including zip code)

(314) 505-5500  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the Registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files).

Yes  No

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 the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

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

Yes  No

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable

date.

Class  
Common Stock, Par Value \$1.00

Shares outstanding at November 15, 2010  
6,048,405

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## Centrue Financial Corporation

## Part I Financial Information

## Item 1. Financial Statements

## Unaudited Consolidated Balance Sheets

September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009 (In Thousands, Except Share and Per Share Data)

	September 30, 2010	December 31, 2009
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 43,927	\$ 56,452
Securities available-for-sale	271,301	264,772
Restricted securities	10,925	10,711
Loans	764,585	885,095
Allowance for loan losses	(43,390 )	(40,909 )
Net loans	721,195	844,186
Bank-owned life insurance	30,138	29,365
Mortgage servicing rights	2,480	2,885
Premises and equipment, net	26,162	30,260
Goodwill	15,880	15,880
Other intangible assets, net	6,584	7,551
Other real estate owned	24,695	16,223
Other assets	26,397	34,399
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 1,179,684</b>	<b>\$ 1,312,684</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Deposits</b>		
Non-interest-bearing	\$ 112,793	\$ 119,313
Interest-bearing	845,239	935,376
<b>Total deposits</b>	<b>958,032</b>	<b>1,054,689</b>
Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase	11,725	16,225
Federal Home Loan Bank advances	81,060	86,261
Notes payable	10,711	10,796
Series B mandatory redeemable preferred stock	268	268
Subordinated debentures	20,620	20,620
Other liabilities	12,220	11,211
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>1,094,636</b>	<b>1,200,070</b>
<b>Commitments and contingent liabilities</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>
<b>Stockholders' equity</b>		
Series A convertible preferred stock (aggregate liquidation preference of \$2,762)	500	500
Series C fixed rate, cumulative perpetual preferred stock (aggregate liquidation preference of \$32,668)	30,655	30,190

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Common stock, \$1 par value, 15,000,000 shares authorized; 7,453,555 shares issued at September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009	7,454	7,454
Surplus	74,748	74,741
Retained (deficit) earnings	(7,001 )	21,486
Accumulated other comprehensive income	806	439
	107,162	134,810
Treasury stock, at cost 1,405,150 shares at September 30, 2010 and 1,410,379 shares at December 31, 2009	(22,114 )	(22,196 )
Total stockholders' equity	85,048	112,614
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 1,179,684	\$ 1,312,684

See Accompanying Notes to Unaudited Financial Statements

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Centrue Financial Corporation  
 Unaudited Consolidated Statements Of Income (Loss)  
 And Comprehensive Income (Loss)  
 Three Months and Nine Months Ended September 30, 2010 and 2009  
 (In Thousands, Except Per Share Data)

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2010	2009	2010	2009
<b>Interest income</b>				
Loans	\$ 9,856	\$ 12,958	\$ 31,877	\$ 40,720
<b>Securities</b>				
Taxable	1,377	2,041	4,723	6,697
Exempt from federal income taxes	247	312	783	937
Federal funds sold and other	28	24	93	51
Total interest income	11,508	15,335	37,476	48,405
<b>Interest expense</b>				
Deposits	3,416	4,931	11,836	15,869
<b>Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase</b>				
Federal Home Loan Bank advances	7	39	37	111
Series B mandatory redeemable preferred stock	573	595	1,733	1,708
Subordinated debentures	4	4	12	12
Notes payable	270	257	783	821
Total interest expense	99	101	279	382
Net interest income	4,369	5,927	14,680	18,903
Provision for loan losses	7,139	9,408	22,796	29,502
Net interest income (loss) after provision for loan losses	7,250	14,500	24,150	29,799
Net interest income (loss) after provision for loan losses	(111 )	(5,092 )	(1,354 )	(297 )
<b>Noninterest income</b>				
Service charges	1,215	1,756	3,934	4,812
Mortgage banking income	628	351	1,114	1,860
Bank-owned life insurance	261	248	773	763
Electronic banking services	516	513	1,528	1,447
Securities gains	899	—	1,913	246
Total other-than-temporary impairment losses	(569 )	(4,822 )	(4,153 )	(11,193 )
Portion of loss recognized in other comprehensive income (before taxes)	71	1,690	131	2,144
Net impairment on securities	(498 )	(3,132 )	(4,022 )	(9,049 )
Gain on sale of OREO	24	130	34	166
Gain on sale of other assets	178	9	1,648	117
Other income	204	191	633	806
	3,427	66	7,555	1,168

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 Three Months and Nine Months Ended September 30, 2010 and 2009  
 (In Thousands, Except Per Share Data)

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2010	2009	2010	2009
Noninterest expenses				
Salaries and employee benefits	3,547	3,931	11,019	12,379
Occupancy, net	647	777	2,378	2,547
Furniture and equipment	642	602	1,685	1,726
Marketing	91	191	280	579
Supplies and printing	106	108	302	344
Telephone	194	164	567	654
Data processing	388	374	1,167	1,136
FDIC insurance	842	538	2,549	1,877
Loan processing and collection costs	675	483	1,789	946
Goodwill impairment	—	—	—	8,451
OREO valuation adjustment	378	—	2,365	—
Amortization of intangible assets	307	375	967	1,182
Other expenses	1,462	1,448	4,307	4,312
	9,279	8,991	29,375	36,133
Income (loss) before income taxes	\$ (5,963 )	\$ (14,017 )	\$ (23,174 )	\$ (35,262 )
Income tax expense (benefit)	10,440	(5,605 )	3,414	(11,700 )
Net income (loss)	\$ (16,403 )	\$ (8,412 )	\$ (26,588 )	\$ (23,562 )
Preferred stock dividends	484	467	1,435	1,342
Net income (loss) for common stockholders	\$ (16,887 )	\$ (8,879 )	\$ (28,023 )	\$ (24,904 )
Basic earnings (loss) per common share	\$ (2.79 )	\$ (1.47 )	\$ (4.64 )	\$ (4.13 )
Diluted earnings (loss) per common share	\$ (2.79 )	\$ (1.47 )	\$ (4.64 )	\$ (4.13 )
Total comprehensive income (loss):				
Net income (loss)	\$ (16,403 )	\$ (8,412 )	\$ (26,588 )	\$ (23,562 )
Change in unrealized gains (losses) on available for sale securities for which a portion of an other-than-temporary impairment has been recognized in earnings, net of reclassifications and tax effect	(341 )	1,753	(3,067 )	(811 )
Change in unrealized gains (losses) on other securities available for sale, net of reclassifications and tax effect	661	2,501	1,557	(2,234 )
Reclassification adjustment:	498	3,132	4,022	9,049



Net impairment loss recognized in earnings

(Gains) recognized in earnings	(899 )	—	(1,913 )	(246 )
Net unrealized gains (loss)	81	7,386	599	5,758
Tax expense (benefit)	(32 )	2,861	232	2,230
Other comprehensive income (loss)	(49 )	4,525	367	3,528
Total comprehensive income (loss)	\$ (16,452 )	\$ (3,887 )	\$ (26,221 )	\$ (20,034 )

See Accompanying Notes to Unaudited Financial Statements

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Centrue Financial Corporation  
 Unaudited Consolidated Statements Of Cash Flows  
 Nine Months Ended September 30, 2010 and 2009 (In Thousands)

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2010	2009
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
Net Income (Loss)	\$ (26,588 )	\$ (23,562 )
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by operating activities		
Depreciation	1,927	1,997
Goodwill impairment	—	8,451
Amortization of intangible assets	967	1,182
Amortization of mortgage servicing rights, net	452	708
Amortization of bond premiums, net	2,084	533
Mortgage servicing rights valuation adjustment	225	—
Income tax valuation adjustment	12,816	—
Share based compensation	83	260
Provision for loan losses	24,150	29,799
Provision for deferred income taxes	(6,886 )	7,046
Earnings on bank-owned life insurance	(773 )	(763 )
Other than temporary impairment, securities	4,022	9,049
Securities losses (gains), net	(1,913 )	(246 )
OREO valuation allowance	2,365	—
(Gain) on sale of OREO	34	(166 )
(Gain) on sale of other assets, net	(469 )	(117 )
(Gain) loss on sale of loans	(1,102 )	(1,860 )
(Gain) loss on sale of branches	(1,179 )	—
Loss related to sale of Wealth Management	—	163
Proceeds from sales of loans held for sale	50,621	113,171
Origination of loans held for sale	(50,135 )	(110,883 )
Change in assets and liabilities		
(Increase) decrease in other assets	3,191	(17,624 )
Increase (decrease) in other liabilities	(682 )	(1,372 )
Net cash provided by operating activities	13,210	15,766
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>		
Proceeds from paydowns of securities available for sale	56,446	33,945
Proceeds from calls and maturities of securities available for sale	11,650	17,205
Proceeds from sales of securities available for sale	74,152	8,347
Purchases of securities available for sale	(152,431 )	(82,424 )
Net decrease (increase) in loans	82,107	63,811
(Purchase) disposal of premises and equipment	175	(387 )
Proceeds from sale of OREO	801	856
Sale of branch, net of premium received	(11,726 )	—
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	61,174	39,952

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Centrue Financial Corporation  
 Unaudited Consolidated Statements Of Cash Flows  
 Nine Months Ended September 30, 2010 and 2009 (In Thousands)

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2010	2009
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>		
Net increase (decrease) in deposits	(77,123 )	12,323
Net increase (decrease) in federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase	(4,500 )	(14,905 )
Repayment of advances from the Federal Home Loan Bank	(40,201 )	(244,023 )
Proceeds from advances from the Federal Home Loan Bank	35,000	180,000
Payments on notes payable	(85 )	(8,946 )
Dividends on common stock	—	(482 )
Dividends on preferred stock	—	(1,342 )
Net proceeds from preferred stock issued	—	32,668
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(86,909 )	(44,707 )
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(12,525 )	11,011
<b>Cash and cash equivalents</b>		
Beginning of period	56,452	35,014
End of period	\$ 43,927	\$ 46,025
<b>Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information</b>		
Cash payments for interest	\$ 14,454	\$ 18,799
Cash payments for income taxes	—	1,028
Transfers from loans to other real estate owned	11,650	1,959

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Centrue Financial Corporation  
Notes to Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements  
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Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Centrue Financial Corporation is a bank holding company organized under the laws of the State of Delaware. When we use the terms “Centrue,” the “Company,” “we,” “us,” and “our,” we mean Centrue Financial Corporation, a Delaware Corporation, and its consolidated subsidiary. When we use the term the “Bank,” we are referring to our wholly owned banking subsidiary, Centrue Bank. The Company and the Bank provide a full range of banking services to individual and corporate customers located in markets extending from the far western and southern suburbs of the Chicago metropolitan area across Central Illinois down to the metropolitan St. Louis area. These services include demand, time, and savings deposits; business and consumer lending; and mortgage banking. Additionally, brokerage, asset management, and trust services are provided to our customers on a referral basis to third party providers. The Company is subject to competition from other financial institutions and nonfinancial institutions providing financial services. Additionally, the Company and the Bank are subject to regulations of certain regulatory agencies and undergo periodic examinations by those regulatory agencies.

Basis of presentation

The accompanying unaudited interim consolidated financial statements of Centrue Financial Corporation have been prepared in conformity with U. S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (“GAAP”) and with general practice in the banking industry. In preparing the financial statements, management makes estimates and assumptions based on available information that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of income and expenses during the reporting period, and actual results could differ. The allowance for loan losses, carrying value of goodwill, other-than-temporary impairment of securities, value of mortgage servicing rights, deferred taxes, and fair values of financial instruments are particularly subject to change. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

For further information with respect to significant accounting policies followed by the Company in the preparation of its consolidated financial statements, refer to the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009. The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and Bank. Intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation and certain 2009 amounts have been reclassified to conform to the 2010 presentation. These reclassifications did not have an impact on net income or stockholder’s equity. The annualized results of operations during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010 are not necessarily indicative of the results expected for the year ending December 31, 2010. All financial information in the following tables is in thousands (000s), except share and per share data. In the opinion of management, all normal and recurring adjustments which are necessary to fairly present the results for the interim periods presented have been included.

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Centrue Financial Corporation  
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Note 2. Earnings (Loss) Per Share

Basic earnings (loss) per share for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009 were computed by dividing net income (loss) by the weighted average number of shares outstanding. Diluted earnings (loss) per share for the same periods were computed by dividing net income (loss) by the weighted average number of shares outstanding, adjusted for the dilutive effect of the stock options and warrants. Computations for basic and diluted earnings (loss) per share are provided as follows:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2010	2009	2010	2009
<b>Basic Earnings (Loss) Per Common Share</b>				
Net income (loss) for common shareholders	\$(16,887 )	\$(8,879 )	\$(28,023 )	\$(24,904 )
Weighted average common shares outstanding	6,046	6,043	6,044	6,033
Basic earnings (loss) per common share	\$(2.79 )	\$(1.47 )	\$(4.64 )	\$(4.13 )
<b>Diluted Earnings (Loss) Per Common Share</b>				
Weighted average common shares outstanding	6,046	6,043	6,044	6,033
Add: dilutive effect of assumed exercised stock options	—	—	—	—
Add: dilutive effect of assumed exercised common stock warrants	—	—	—	—
Weighted average common and dilutive potential shares outstanding	6,046	6,043	6,044	6,033
Diluted earnings (loss) per common share	\$(2.79 )	\$(1.47 )	\$(4.64 )	\$(4.13 )

There were approximately 561,069 and 695,569 options and 508,320 and 508,320 warrants outstanding at September 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively that were not included in the computation of diluted earnings per share as they were anti-dilutive. The Company's convertible preferred stock was not included in the computation of diluted earnings per share as it was anti-dilutive.

Note 3. Securities

The primary strategic objective related to the Company's \$282.2 million investment securities portfolio is to assist with liquidity and interest rate risk management. At September 30, 2010, the Company carried at fair value \$271.3 million classified as available-for-sale compared to \$264.8 million at December 31, 2009. The Company also holds \$10.9 million and \$10.7 million of Federal Reserve and Federal Home Loan Bank stock which are classified as restricted securities as of September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, respectively. The Company does not have any securities classified as trading or held-to-maturity.

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Note 3. Securities (Continued)

The following tables represent the fair value of available-for-sale securities and the related, gross unrealized gains and losses recognized in accumulated other comprehensive income at September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009:

		September 30, 2010		
	Fair Value	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	Amortized Cost
U.S. government agencies	\$12,864	\$256	\$—	\$12,608
States and political subdivisions	31,014	1,033	(1 )	29,982
U.U.S. government agency residential mortgage-backed securities	185,980	2,777	(148 )	183,351
Collateralized residential mortgage obligations:				
Agency	22,182	328	—	21,854
Private Label	6,712	39	(42 )	6,715
Equity securities	2,264	68	—	2,196
Collateralized debt obligations:				
Single Issue	3,859	13	—	3,846
Pooled	6,426	45	(3,053 )	9,434
	\$271,301	\$4,559	\$(3,244 )	\$269,986

		December 31, 2009		
	Fair Value	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	Amortized Cost
U.S. government agencies	\$3,966	\$216	\$—	\$3,750
States and political subdivisions	36,541	1,093	(25 )	35,473
U.U.S. government agency residential mortgage-backed securities	198,183	3,203	(249 )	195,229
Collateralized residential mortgage obligations:				
Agency	3,261	53	—	3,208
Private Label	11,165	8	(137 )	11,294
Equity securities	1,898	55	(43 )	1,886
Collateralized debt obligations:				
Single Issue	—	—	—	—
Pooled	9,758	—	(3,458 )	13,216
	\$264,772	\$4,628	\$(3,912 )	\$264,056

The amounts below include the activity for available-for-sale securities related to sales, maturities and calls:

Three Months Ended

Nine Months Ended



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	September 30,		September 30,	
	2010	2009	2010	2009
Proceeds from calls/maturities	\$ 7,245	\$ 1,160	\$ 11,650	\$ 17,205
Proceeds from sales	39,293	—	74,152	8,347
Realized gains	937	—	1,951	246
Realized losses	(38 )	—	(38 )	—
Net impairment loss recognized in earnings	(498 )	(3,132 )	(4,022 )	(9,049 )
Tax benefit (provision) related to to net realized gains and losses	348	—	741	94

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Note 3. Securities (Continued)

The following table represents securities with unrealized losses not recognized in income presented by the length of time individual securities have been in a continuous unrealized loss position:

	Less than 12 Months		September 30, 2010 12 Months or More		Total	
	Fair Value	Unrealized Loss	Fair Value	Unrealized Loss	Fair Value	Unrealized Loss
State and political subdivisions	\$—	\$—	\$354	\$(1 )	\$354	\$(1 )
U.S. government agency residential mortgage-backed securities	19,028	(148 )	—	—	19,028	(148 )
Collateralized residential mortgage obligations: Private Label	—	—	4,808	(42 )	4,808	(42 )
Collateralized debt obligations: Pooled	—	—	6,223	(3,053 )	6,223	(3,053 )
Total temporarily impaired	\$19,028	\$(148 )	\$11,385	\$(3,096 )	\$30,413	\$( 3,244 )
	Less than 12 Months		December 31, 2009 12 Months or More		Total	
	Fair Value	Unrealized Loss	Fair Value	Unrealized Loss	Fair Value	Unrealized Loss
State and political subdivisions	\$444	\$(6 )	\$777	\$(19 )	\$1,221	\$(25 )
U.S. government agency residential mortgage-backed securities	40,920	(249 )	—	—	40,920	(249 )
Collateralized residential mortgage obligations: Private Label	—	—	9,841	(137 )	9,841	(137 )
Equities	—	—	51	(43 )	51	(43 )
Collateralized debt obligations: Pooled	—	—	9,758	(3,458 )	9,758	(3,458 )
Total temporarily impaired	\$41,364	\$(255 )	\$20,427	\$(3,657 )	\$61,791	\$(3,912 )

The fair values of securities classified as available-for-sale at September 30, 2010, by contractual maturity, are shown as follows. Securities not due at a single maturity date, including mortgage-backed securities, collateralized mortgage obligations, and equity securities are shown separately.

Amortized

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	Cost	Fair Value
Due in one year or less	\$ 11,442	\$ 11,598
Due after one year through five years	19,281	19,823
Due after five years through ten years	7,574	7,927
Due after ten years	17,573	14,815
U.S. government agency residential mortgage-backed securities	183,351	185,980
Collateralized residential mortgage obligations	28,569	28,894
Equity	2,196	2,264
	\$ 269,986	\$ 271,301

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Note 3. Securities (Continued)

The following table below presents a rollforward of the credit losses recognized in earnings for the three month period ended September 30, 2010:

Beginning balance, July 1, 2010	\$ 18,865
Amounts related to credit loss for which an other-than-temporary impairment was not previously recognized	—
Additions/Subtractions	
Amounts realized for securities sold during the period	—
Amounts related to securities for which the company intends to sell or that it will be more likely than not that the company will be required to sell prior to recovery of amortized cost basis	—
Reduction for increase in cash flows expected to be collected that are recognized over the remaining life of the security	—
Increases to the amount related to the credit loss for which other-than-temporary impairment was previously recognized	498
Ending balance, September 30, 2010	\$ 19,363

The following table below presents a rollforward of the credit losses recognized in earnings for the nine month period ended September 30, 2010:

Beginning balance, January 1, 2010	\$ 15,341
Amounts related to credit loss for which an other-than-temporary impairment was not previously recognized	—
Additions/Subtractions	
Amounts realized for securities sold during the period	—
Amounts related to securities for which the company intends to sell or that it will be more likely than not that the company will be required to sell prior to recovery of amortized cost basis	—
Reduction for increase in cash flows expected to be collected that are recognized over the remaining life of the security	—
Increases to the amount related to the credit loss for which other-than-temporary impairment was previously recognized	4,022
Ending balance, September 30, 2010	\$ 19,363

See Note 9 on Fair Value for additional information about our analysis on the security portfolio related to the fair value and other-than-temporary impairment disclosures of these instruments.

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Note 4. Loans

The following table describes the composition of loans by major categories outstanding as of September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, respectively:

	September 30, 2010		December 31, 2009		
	\$	%	\$	%	%
Commercial	\$ 114,611	15.0	% \$ 126,342	14.3	%
Agricultural	16,499	2.2	18,851	2.1	
Real estate:					
Commercial mortgages	390,400	51.0	437,995	49.5	
Construction	89,236	11.7	128,351	14.5	
Agricultural	9,517	1.2	9,602	1.1	
1-4 family mortgages	140,671	18.4	159,325	18.0	
Installment	3,177	0.4	4,093	0.4	
Other	474	0.1	536	0.1	
Total loans	764,585	100.0	% 885,095	100.0	%
Allowance for loan losses	(43,390 )		(40,909 )		
Loans, net	\$721,195		\$844,186		

The following table presents data on impaired loans:

	September 30, 2010	December 31, 2009
Impaired loans for which an allowance has been provided	\$ 117,544	\$ 129,655
Impaired loans for which no allowance has been provided	26,255	35,923
Total loans determined to be impaired	\$ 143,799	\$ 165,578
Allowance for loan loss allocated to impaired loans	\$ 32,106	\$ 26,717
Average recorded investment in impaired loans	153,477	116,260
Interest income recognized from impaired loans	3,224	11,376
Cash basis interest income recognized from impaired loans	3,109	9,322

In originating loans, the Company recognizes that credit losses will be experienced and the risk of loss will vary with, among other things, current economic conditions; the type of loan being made; the creditworthiness of the borrower over the term of the loan; and in the case of a collateralized loan, the quality of the collateral for such loan. The allowance for loan losses represents the Company's estimate of the allowance necessary to provide for probable incurred losses in the loan portfolio. In making this determination, the Company analyzes the ultimate collectability of the loans in its portfolio; incorporating feedback provided by internal loan staff; the independent loan review function; and information provided by regulatory agencies. Included in the impaired loans above is \$16.9 million of troubled debt restructurings representing 8 loans categorized as 1 to 4 family and commercial real estate.

Nonaccrual loans were \$78.2 million and \$80.1 million as of September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, respectively. As of September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, there were no loans that were past 90 days and still

accruing. The Company has loans held for sale of \$2.1 million and \$1.5 million as of September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, respectively. In addition, there were \$16.9 million of troubled debt restructurings as of September 30, 2010 of which \$16.3 million is on nonaccrual. At December 31, 2009, troubled debt restructurings were \$0.7 million.

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Note 4. Loans (Continued)

Management evaluates the allowance for loan losses based on the combined total of specific allocations, historical loss and qualitative components and believes that the allowance for loan losses represented probable incurred credit losses inherent in the loan portfolio at September 30, 2010. Activity in the allowance for loan losses for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009 are summarized below:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2010	2009	2010	2009
Beginning balance	\$ 42,378	\$ 26,894	\$ 40,909	\$ 15,018
Charge-offs	(6,303 )	(13,493 )	(21,898 )	(17,291 )
Recoveries	65	64	229	439
Provision for loan losses	7,250	14,500	24,150	29,799
Ending balance	\$ 43,390	\$ 27,965	\$ 43,390	\$ 27,965
Period end total loans	\$ 764,585	\$ 921,340	\$ 764,585	\$ 921,340
Average loans	\$ 780,383	\$ 938,905	\$ 822,379	\$ 971,836
Ratio of net charge-offs to average loans	0.80 %	1.43 %	2.63 %	1.73 %
Ratio of provision for loan losses to average loans	0.93	1.54	2.94	3.07
Ratio of allowance for loan losses to period end total loans	5.67	3.04	5.67	3.04
Ratio of allowance for loan losses to total nonperforming loans	45.63	36.48	45.63	36.48
Ratio of allowance for loan losses to average loans	5.56	2.98	5.28	2.88

Note 5. Share Based Compensation

In 1999, the Company adopted the 1999 Option Plan. Under the 1999 Option Plan, nonqualified options may be granted to employees and eligible directors of the Company and its subsidiaries to purchase the Company's common stock at 100% of the fair market value on the date the option is granted. The Company has authorized 50,000 shares for issuance under the 1999 Option Plan. During 1999, 40,750 of these shares were granted and are 100% fully vested. The options had an exercise period of ten years from the date of grant, and all options have expired. The plan terminated on November 18, 2009 leaving no shares available for grant under this plan.

In April 2003, the Company adopted the 2003 Option Plan. Under the 2003 Option Plan, as amended on April 24, 2007, nonqualified options, incentive stock options, restricted stock and/or stock appreciation rights may be granted to employees and outside directors of the Company and its subsidiary to purchase the Company's common stock at an exercise price to be determined by the Executive and Compensation committee. Pursuant to the 2003 Option Plan,

570,000 shares of the Company's unissued common stock have been reserved and are available for issuance upon the exercise of options and rights granted under the 2003 Option Plan. The options have an exercise period of seven to ten years from the date of grant. There are 66,000 shares available to grant under this plan.

The Company awarded 5,000 shares of restricted stock in November, 2006 that were available under the restricted stock portion of the plan. The restricted shares were issued out of treasury stock with an aggregate grant date fair value of \$0.09 million. The awards were granted using the fair value as the last sale price as quoted on the NASDAQ Stock Market on the date of grant of \$18.03. The awarded shares vested at a rate of 20% of the initially awarded amount per year, beginning on the date of the award and were contingent upon continuous service by the recipient through the vesting date. As of April 3, 2009, the contingency was not fulfilled and the remaining 2,000 shares of unvested restricted stock were forfeited and returned to treasury stock.

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Note 5. Share Based Compensation (Continued)

A summary of the status of the option plans as of September 30, 2010, and changes during the period ended on those dates are presented below:

	Shares	September 30, 2010		
		Weighted-Average Exercise Price	Weighted-Average Remaining Contractual Life	Aggregate Intrinsic Value
Outstanding at January 1, 2010	690,769	\$ 16.68		
Granted	—	—		
Exercised	—	—		
Forfeited	(129,700 )	16.89		
Outstanding at end of period	561,069	\$ 16.63	3.5 years	\$ —
Vested or expected to vest	555,471	\$ 16.67	3.4 years	\$ —
Options exercisable at period end	436,669	\$ 17.46	3.1 years	\$ —

Options outstanding at September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009 were as follows:

Range of Exercise Prices	Outstanding		Exercisable	
	Number	Weighted-Average Remaining Contractual Life	Number	Weighted-Average Exercise Price
September 30, 2010:				
\$ 5.24 - \$ 13.00	146,881	4.1 years	83,281	\$ 8.59
13.88 - 18.63	176,588	3.2 years	133,388	16.58
19.03 - 23.31	237,600	3.4 years	220,000	21.35
	561,069	3.5 years	436,669	\$ 17.46
December 31, 2009:				
\$ 5.24 - \$ 13.00	170,381	4.9 years	77,381	7.96
13.88 - 18.63	233,588	3.9 years	167,188	16.60
19.03 - 23.31	286,800	3.9 years	259,600	21.41
	690,769	4.1 years	504,169	\$ 17.75

There were no options exercised for the periods ended September 30, 2009 and 2010.

The compensation cost that has been charged against income for the stock options portion of the Option Plans was \$0.03 million and \$0.05 million for the three months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively.

The compensation cost that has been charged against income for the stock options portion of the Option Plans was \$0.08 million and \$0.27 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively.

The fair value of each option award is estimated on the date of grant using a closed form option valuation (Black-Scholes) model that uses the assumptions noted in the table below. Expected volatilities are based on historical volatilities of the Company's common stock. The Company uses historical data to estimate option exercise and post-vesting termination behavior. Employee and director options are tracked separately.

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Note 5. Share Based Compensation (Continued)

The expected term of options granted is based on historical data and represents the period of time that options granted are expected to be outstanding, which takes into account that the options are not transferable. The risk-free interest rate for the expected term of the option is based on the U.S. Treasury yield curve in effect at the time of the grant. There were no options granted in the first, second or third quarter 2010. Year to date data for September 30, 2010, December 31, 2009 and December 31, 2008, is as follows:

	September 30,		
	2010	December 31, 2009	December 31, 2008
Fair value	\$ —	\$ 1.79 – 3.70	\$ 3.36 – 3.69
Risk-free interest rate	—	1.53 – 2.01 %	2.75 – 2.95 %
Expected option life (years)	—	6	6
Expected stock price volatility	—	68.84 – 116.3%	23.91 – 24.07%
Dividend yield	—	5.71 – 7.31 %	2.79 – 2.95 %

Unrecognized stock option compensation expense related to unvested awards (net of estimated forfeitures) for the remainder of 2010 and beyond is estimated as follows:

	Amount
October, 2010 – December, 2010	\$ 30
2011	113
2012	79
2013	33
2014	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 255</b>

Note 6. Contingent Liabilities and Other Matters

Neither the Company nor its subsidiary is involved in any pending legal proceedings other than routine legal proceedings occurring in the normal course of business, which, in the opinion of management, in the aggregate, are not material to the Company's consolidated financial condition.

Note 7. Segment Information

The Company utilizes an internal reporting and planning process that focuses on lines of business (“LOB”). The reportable segments are determined by the products and services offered, primarily distinguished between retail, commercial, treasury, and other operations. Loans and deposits generate the revenues in the commercial segments; deposits, loans, secondary mortgage sales and servicing generates the revenue in the retail segment; investment income generates the revenue in the treasury segment; and holding company services generate revenue in the other operations segment. The “net allocations” line represents the allocation of the costs that are overhead being spread to the specific segments.

The accounting policies used with respect to segment reporting are the same as those described in the summary of significant accounting policies as forth in Note 1. Segment performance is evaluated using net income.

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Note 7. Segment Information (Continued)

Information reported internally for performance assessment follows:

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2010				
	Retail Segment	Commercial Segment	Treasury Segment	Other Operations	Total Company
Net interest income (loss)	\$1,197	\$5,929	\$497	\$(484)	\$7,139
Other revenue	2,292	431	401	303	3,427
Other expense	2,555	1,061	52	4,510	8,178
Noncash items					
Depreciation	541	2	—	251	794
Provision for loan losses	—	7,250	—	—	7,250
Other intangibles	307	—	—	—	307
Net allocations	1,483	3,020	439	(4,942)	—
Income tax benefit	648	10,026	(234)	—	10,440
Segment profit (loss)	\$(2,045)	\$(14,999)	\$641	\$—	\$(16,403)
Goodwill	\$7,784	\$8,096	\$—	\$—	\$15,880
Segment assets	\$200,119	\$597,230	\$282,056	\$100,279	\$1,179,684

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2009				
	Retail Segment	Commercial Segment	Treasury Segment	Other Operations	Total Company
Net interest income (loss)	\$2,128	\$6,830	\$1,220	\$(770)	\$9,408
Other revenue	2,560	329	(3,131)	308	66
Other expense	2,824	741	68	4,349	7,982
Noncash items					
Depreciation	324	1	—	309	634
Provision for loan losses	—	14,500	—	—	14,500
Other intangibles	375	—	—	—	375
Net allocations	2,095	2,879	146	(5,120)	—
Income tax benefit	(509)	(4,461)	(635)	—	(5,605)
Segment profit (loss)	\$(421)	\$(6,501)	\$(1,490)	\$—	\$(8,412)
Goodwill	\$7,784	\$8,096	\$—	\$—	\$15,880
Segment assets	\$243,805	\$778,291	\$257,302	\$59,076	\$1,338,474

	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2010				
	Retail Segment	Commercial Segment	Treasury Segment	Other Operations	Total Company

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Net interest income (loss)	\$3,420	\$18,844	\$2,252	\$(1,720 )	\$22,796
Other revenue	7,781	1,013	(2,109 )	870	7,555
Other expense	8,263	4,419	158	13,641	26,481
Noncash items					
Depreciation	1,162	6	—	759	1,927
Provision for loan losses	—	24,150	—	—	24,150
Other intangibles	967	—	—	—	967
Net allocations	5,170	8,732	1,348	(15,250 )	—
Income tax benefit	(615 )	4,835	(806 )	—	3,414
Segment profit (loss)	\$(3,746 )	\$(22,285 )	\$(557 )	\$—	\$(26,588 )
Goodwill	\$7,784	\$8,096	\$—	\$—	\$15,880
Segment assets	\$200,119	\$597,230	\$282,056	\$100,279	\$1,179,684

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Note 7. Segment Information (Continued)

	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2009				
	Retail Segment	Commercial Segment	Treasury Segment	Other Operations	Total Company
Net interest income (loss)	\$7,085	\$20,815	\$3,968	\$(2,366)	\$29,502
Other revenue	7,996	865	(8,803)	1,110	1,168
Other expense	9,004	1,919	174	21,857	32,954
Noncash items					
Depreciation	1,162	5	—	830	1,997
Provision for loan losses	425	29,374	—	—	29,799
Other intangibles	1,182	—	—	—	1,182
Net allocations	9,747	11,719	2,477	(23,943)	—
Income tax expense	(1,886)	(7,854)	(1,960)	—	(11,700)
Segment profit (loss)	\$(4,553)	\$(13,483)	\$(5,526)	\$—	\$(23,562)
Goodwill	\$7,784	\$8,096	\$—	\$—	\$15,880
Segment assets	\$243,805	\$778,291	\$257,302	\$59,076	\$1,338,474

Note 8. Borrowed Funds and Debt Obligations

As of September 30, 2010, the Company has \$10.3 million outstanding per a loan agreement dated March 31, 2008. This original agreement was entered into with Bank of America and consisted of three credit facilities: a secured revolving line of credit, a secured term facility, and a subordinated debt. In February 2009, the loan agreement on the revolving line of credit was amended resulting in an aggregate principal amount of \$20.3 million. The first credit facility consisted of a \$10.0 million secured revolving line of credit which matured on June 30, 2009 and was not renewed by Bank of America. The second credit facility consists of a \$0.3 million secured term facility, which will mature in March 31, 2015. The third credit facility consists of \$10.0 million in subordinated debt, which also matures in March 31, 2015. On December 14, 2009, the Bank of America transferred to Cole Taylor Bank all rights, title, interest in to and under the loan agreements dated March 31, 2008. Repayment of each of the remaining two credit facilities is interest only on a quarterly basis, with the principal amount of the loan due at maturity. The term credit facility is secured by a pledge of the stock of the Bank. The subordinated debt credit facility is unsecured and is intended to qualify as Tier II capital for regulatory purposes.

The loan agreement contains customary covenants, including but not limited to, the Bank's maintenance of its status as well-capitalized, the Bank's maximum nonperforming assets to primary capital below 90%, and the Bank's minimum loan loss reserves to total loans of 2.00%. The Company is using these credit facilities for general working capital purposes. The loan agreement contains no penalty for early repayment of the subordinated debt credit facility. Except for the Tier I leverage ratio covenant which requires the Company to have a ratio of 6%, in which the Company currently has a ratio of 5.75%, the Company is in compliance with the remaining covenants as of September 30, 2010. The Company has received a waiver of this covenant as of September 30, 2010.

Additionally, the Company has a note outstanding to an individual with an imputed interest rate of 5.25% maturing October 24, 2012 from a prior acquisition. The balance as of September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009 was \$0.4

million and \$0.5 million, respectively.

Note 9. Fair Value

Fair value is the exchange price that would be received for an asset or paid to transfer a liability (exit price) in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date. There are three levels of inputs that may be used to measure fair values:

Level 1: Quoted prices (unadjusted) for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the entity has the ability to access as of the measurement date.

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Note 9. Fair Value (Continued)

Level 2: Significant other observable inputs other than Level 1 prices such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities; quoted prices in markets that are not active; or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data.

Level 3: Significant unobservable inputs to reflect a reporting entity's own assumptions about the assumptions that market participants would use to price an asset or liability.

The Company used the following methods and significant assumptions to estimate the fair value of each type of financial instrument:

**Available for Sale Securities:** The fair value of securities available for sale is determined by obtaining quoted prices on nationally recognized securities exchanges (Level 1 inputs) or matrix pricing, which is a mathematical technique widely used in the industry to value debt securities without relying exclusively on quoted prices for the specific securities but rather by relying on the securities' relationship to other benchmark quoted securities (Level 2 inputs). If the securities could not be priced using quoted market prices, observable market activity or comparable trades, the financial market was considered not active and the assets were classified as Level 3.

**Pooled Trust Preferred CDOs**

The assets included in Level 3 are pooled trust preferred collateralized debt obligations ("CDO"). These securities were historically priced using Level 2 inputs. However, in 2008, the decline in the level of observable inputs and market activity for trust preferred CDOs by the measurement date was significant and resulted in unreliable external pricing. As such, the Company uses an internal other-than-temporary impairment ("OTTI") evaluation model to compare the present value of expected cash flows to the previous estimate to ensure there are no adverse changes in cash flows during the quarter. The OTTI model considers the structure and term of the CDO and the financial condition of the underlying issuers. Specifically, the model details interest rates, principal balances of note classes and underlying issuers, the timing and amount of interest and principal payments of the underlying issuers, and the allocation of the payments to the note classes. The current estimate of expected cash flows is based on the most recent trustee reports and any other relevant market information including announcements of interest payment deferrals or defaults of underlying trust preferred securities. Assumptions used in the model include expected future default rates and prepayments.

We assume no recoveries on defaults and treat all interest payment deferrals as defaults. In addition we use the model to "stress" each CDO, or make assumptions more severe than expected activity, to determine the degree to which assumptions could deteriorate before the CDO could no longer fully support repayment of the Company's note class.

Each bank in the tranche was analyzed using the Fitch ratings for the quarter and key financial data so that the banks in each tranche can be divided between a pool of "performing" banks and "under-performing" banks. A factor is applied to the under-performing banks for each quarter to project additional defaults and deferrals to be factored into the cash flow model. Three internal scenarios were developed that had different assumptions regarding the impact of the economic environment on additional defaults and deferrals for the upcoming quarters. On average, the additional deferrals for a specific CDO that were factored in to our calculation were approximately 5% of the performing balance of the instrument across the three scenarios. All of the additional deferrals for the three scenarios are factored in to the

cash flow for each tranche. A discount factor to be applied to LIBOR was developed for each specific tranche and incorporated to arrive at the discount rate for the CDO. The factor applied ranged from 200 basis points to 600 basis points based on the rating of the CDO and its gross-up factor for risk based capital. These rates were applied to calculate the net present value of the cash flows. The results of the three net present value calculations were weighted based on their likelihood of occurring. The scenarios were weighted 35%, 47% and 18%.

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Note 9. Fair Value (Continued)

Finally, an independent valuation of our portfolio was obtained. This was weighted as the final overall step to arrive at our valuation for September 30, 2010 using 55% for the internal weighting and 45% for the external one. Due to market conditions as well as the limited trading activity of these securities, the market value of the securities is highly sensitive to assumption changes and market volatility.

At September 30, 2010, the Company held seven pooled trust preferred CDOs with an amortized cost of \$9.4 million (after third quarter 2010 credit impairment). These securities were rated high quality (A3 and above) at inception, but at September 30, 2010 rating agencies rated these securities as Ba2/B, which are defined as highly speculative, and C, which is defined as default, with some recovery. The issuers in these securities are primarily banks, but some of the pools do include a limited number of insurance companies. Specific ratings of our pooled trust preferred CDO's that have incurred OTTI are listed below as of September 30, 2010:

Issue	Tranche	Gross Amortized Cost	Fair Value	Gross Unrealized Gains/(Losses)	Ratings as of September 30, 2010 Moody's/Fitch	Ratings as of June 30, 2010 Moody's/Fitch
PreTSL VII	B	\$ 1,283	\$ 1,201	\$ (82 )	Ca / C	Ca / C
PreTSL VIII	B-1	638	401	(237 )	Ca / C	Ca / C
PreTSL XII	B-1	3,255	1,785	(1,470 )	Ca / C	Ca / C
PreTSL XIII	B-3	577	296	(281 )	Ca / C	Ca / C
PreTSL XVI	B	547	186	(361 )	Ca / C	Ca / C
PreTSL XXIV	C-2	107	132	25	Ca / C	Ca / C
		\$ 6,407	\$ 4,001	\$ (2,406 )		

The Company performed an analysis including evaluation for OTTI for each of the seven CDOs. Upon completion of the September 30, 2010 analysis, our model indicated OTTI on two of these CDOs, with an aggregate cost basis of \$4.3 million. Total impairment for these two CDOs totaled \$0.6 million. Of this, \$0.1 million is carried in other comprehensive income. The impairment of \$0.5 million was related to credit loss based on the Company's analysis of future cash flows. Management has determined that the remaining CDOs are deemed to be only temporarily impaired at quarter-end due to the projected cash flows adjusted for the possible further deterioration is sufficient to return the outstanding principal balance with interest at the stated rate.

Private Label CMOs

Private label CMOs were also evaluated using management's internal analysis process. These securities were rated high quality (A3 and above) at inception. They are all supported primarily by conforming 1-4 family real estate collateral. The RAST series has a limited amount of alt-a real estate as underlying collateral. Specific ratings of our CMOs that have incurred OTTI are listed below as of September 30, 2010:

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Note 9. Fair Value (Continued)

Issue	Tranche	Gross Amortized Cost	Fair Value	Gross Unrealized Gains/(Losses)	Ratings as of September 30, 2010 Moody's/Fitch	Ratings as of June 30, 2010 Moody's/Fitch
RAST Series	A3	\$ 1,124	\$ 1,117	\$ (7 )	- / CCC	- / CCC
BOAMS	A10	3,726	3,691	(35 )	- / AAA	- / AAA
WFMBS Series	2A6	1,402	1,439	37	Baa3 / BBB	Baa3 / BBB
		\$ 6,252	\$ 6,247	\$ (5 )		

Based on the Company's third quarter 2010 evaluation of its CMO security portfolio, none of the securities in the portfolio were deemed to be impaired.

Single Issue Trust Preferred

During the third quarter of 2010, the Company purchased \$3.9 million of single issue trust preferred securities that are classified as available for sale. With respect to these securities, the Company looks at rating agency actions, payment history, the capital levels of the banks and the financial performance as filed in regulatory reports. Since these items were purchased in mid-September, the Company determined that all of the securities were performing. Additionally, they have unrealized gains of \$0.01 million as of September 30, 2010.

The Company's unrealized losses on other securities relate primarily to its investment in CDO securities. The decline in fair value is primarily attributable to temporary illiquidity and the financial crisis affecting these markets and not necessarily the expected cash flows of the individual securities. Due to the illiquidity in the market, it is unlikely that the Company would be able to recover its investment in these securities if the Company sold the securities at this time. The Company does not intend to sell these securities or more likely than not will be required to sell these securities before its anticipated recovery.

Impaired Loans. Loans for which it is probable that the Company will not collect all principal and interest due according to contractual terms are measured for impairment in accordance with authoritative guidance for impairments. Allowable methods for estimating fair value include using the fair value of the collateral for collateral dependent loans or, where a loan is determined not to be collateral dependent, using the discounted cash flow method.

Other Real Estate Owned. Nonrecurring adjustments to certain commercial and residential real estate properties classified as other real estate owned (OREO) are measured at the lower of carrying amount or fair value, less costs to sell. Fair values are generally based on third party appraisals of the property, resulting in a Level 3 classification. In cases where the carrying amount exceeds the fair value, less costs to sell, an impairment loss is recognized.

Mortgage Servicing Rights. Fair value is based on market prices for comparable mortgage servicing contracts, when available, or alternatively based on a valuation model that calculates the present value of estimated future net servicing income.

Loans Held For Sale. Loans held for sale are carried at the lower of cost or fair value, as determined by outstanding commitments, from third party investors.

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## Note 9. Fair Value (Continued)

Assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis are summarized below:

	September 30, 2010	Fair Value measurements at September 30, 2010 Using		
		Quoted Prices in Active Markets For Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
<b>Assets:</b>				
U.S. government agencies	\$12,864	\$—	\$12,864	\$—
State and political subdivisions	31,014	—	31,014	—
U.S. government agency residential mortgage-backed securities	185,980	—	185,980	—
Collateralized residential mortgage obligations				
Agency	22,182	—	22,182	—
Private Label	6,712	—	—	6,712
Equities	2,264	—	2,264	—
Collateralized debt obligations:				
Single Issue	3,859	3,859	—	—
Pooled	6,426	—	—	6,426
Available-for-sale securities	\$271,301	\$3,859	\$254,304	\$13,138

	December 31, 2009	Fair Value measurements at December 31, 2009 Using		
		Quoted Prices in Active Markets For Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
<b>Assets:</b>				
U.S. government agencies	\$3,966	\$—	\$3,966	\$—
State and political subdivisions	36,541	—	36,541	—
U.S. government agency residential mortgage-backed securities	198,183	—	198,183	—
Collateralized residential mortgage obligations				
Agency	3,261	—	3,261	—
Private Label	11,165	—	1,376	9,789
Equities	1,898	—	1,898	—
Collateralized debt obligations:				

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Single Issue	—	—	—	—
Pooled	9,758	—	—	9,758
Available-for-sale securities	\$264,772	\$—	\$245,225	\$19,547

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The table below presents a reconciliation and income statement classification of gains and losses for all assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) for the three months ended September 30, 2010:

	CDOs	CMOs	Total Available for Sale Securities
Beginning balance, July 1, 2010	\$7,128	\$7,999	\$15,127
Transfers into Level 3	—	—	—
Interest income on securities	—	—	—
Security impairment	(498 )	—	(498 )
Other changes in fair value	30	(1,392 )	(1,362 )
Gains (losses) on sales of securities	—	—	—
Included in other comprehensive income	(234 )	105	(129 )
Ending balance, September 30, 2010	\$6,426	\$6,712	\$13,138

	CDOs	CMOs	Total Available for Sale Securities
Beginning balance, July 1, 2009	\$9,747	\$1,352	\$11,099
Transfers into Level 3	—	—	—
Interest income on securities	—	—	—
Security impairment	(3,132 )	—	(3,132 )
Other changes in fair value	—	—	—
Gains (losses) on sales of securities	—	—	—
Included in other comprehensive income	5,894	218	6,112
Ending balance, September 30, 2009	\$12,509	\$1,570	\$14,079

The table below presents a reconciliation and income statement classification of gains and losses for all assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) for the nine months ended September 30, 2010:

	CDOs	CMOs	Total Available for Sale Securities
Beginning balance, January 1, 2010	\$9,758	\$9,789	\$19,547



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Transfers into Level 3	—	788	788
Interest income on securities	—	—	—
Security impairment	(3,883 )	(139 )	(4,022 )
Other changes in fair value	101	(3,859 )	(3,758 )
Gains (losses) on sales of securities	—	—	—
Included in other comprehensive income	450	133	583
Ending balance, September 30, 2010	\$6,426	\$6,712	\$13,138

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## Note 9. Fair Value (Continued)

	CDOs	CMOs	Total Available for Sale Securities
Beginning balance, January 1, 2009	\$19,848	\$—	\$19,848
Transfers into Level 3	—	1,330	1,330
Interest income on securities	—	—	—
Security impairment	(8,878 )	(171 )	(9,049 )
Other changes in fair value	—	—	—
Gains (losses) on sales of securities included in other comprehensive income	1,539	411	1,950
Ending balance, September 30, 2009	\$12,509	\$1,570	\$14,079

Assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis are summarized below:

	September 30, 2010	Fair Value measurements at September 30, 2010 Using		
		Quoted Prices in Active Markets For Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Assets:				
Impaired loans	\$76,727	\$—	\$—	\$76,727
Oreo property	\$12,322	\$—	\$—	\$12,322

	December 31, 2009	Fair Value measurements at December 31, 2009 Using		
		Quoted Prices in Active Markets For Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Assets:				
Impaired loans	\$102,938	\$—	\$—	\$102,938
Oreo property	\$11,107	\$—	\$—	\$11,107

Impaired loans, which are measured for impairment using the fair value of the collateral for collateral dependent loans, had a carrying amount of \$104.7 million with a valuation allowance of \$28.0 million resulting in an additional

provision for loan losses of \$2.2 million for the period.

The majority of our impaired loans are collateralized by real estate. The carrying value for these real estate secured impaired loans was based upon information in independent appraisals obtained on the underlying collateral. For troubled debt restructurings, impairment is determined based on the present value of expected future cash flows discounted at the loan's effective interest rate, which is not a fair value measure and accordingly, such loans are excluded from the fair value disclosures above.

Other real estate owned, which is measured at the lower of carrying or fair value less costs to sell, had a net carrying amount of \$12.3 million. This is made up of the outstanding balance of \$15.7 million, net of the valuation allowance of \$3.4 million, at September 30, 2010. Per management's fair value analysis a valuation allowance of \$0.4 million was required for the quarter ending September 30, 2010 bringing the year to date valuation allowance to \$2.4 million. The net carrying amount at December 31, 2009, was \$11.1 million, which is made up of the outstanding balance of \$12.2 million, net of valuation allowance of \$1.1 million.

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Note 9. Fair Value (Continued)

Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The methods and assumptions used to estimate fair value are described as follows:

The carrying amount is the estimated fair value for cash and due from banks, federal funds sold, short-term borrowings, accrued interest receivable and payable, demand deposits, short-term debt, and variable rate loans or deposits that reprice frequently and fully. Security fair values are based on the methods described above.

The carrying value and fair value of the subordinated debentures issued to capital trusts are estimated using market data for similarly risk weighted items to value them. For fixed rate loans or deposits and for variable rate loans or deposits with infrequent repricing or repricing limits, the fair value is based on discounted cash flows using current market rates applied to the estimated life and credit risk. Fair values for impaired loans are estimated using discounted cash flow analysis or underlying collateral values. The fair value of loans held for sale is based on market quotes. The fair value of debt and redeemable stock is based on current rates for similar financing.

It was not practicable to determine the fair value of the restricted securities due to restrictions placed on transferability. The fair value of off-balance-sheet items is based on the current fees or cost that would be charged to enter into or terminate such arrangements.

The estimated fair values of the Company's financial instruments were as follows:

	September 30, 2010		December 31, 2009	
	Carrying Amount	Fair Value	Carrying Amount	Fair Value
<b>Financial assets</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 43,927	\$ 43,927	\$ 56,452	\$ 56,452
Securities	271,301	271,301	264,772	264,772
Restricted securities	10,925	N/A	10,711	N/A
Net loans	721,195	676,251	844,186	808,446
Accrued interest receivable	4,195	4,195	4,709	4,709
<b>Financial liabilities</b>				
Deposits	958,032	961,829	1,054,689	1,059,766
Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase	11,725	11,725	16,225	16,225
Federal Home Loan Bank advances	81,060	83,458	86,261	87,727
Notes payable	10,711	8,800	10,796	9,092
Subordinated debentures	20,620	11,750	20,620	11,383
Series B mandatory redeemable preferred stock	268	268	268	268
Accrued interest payable	4,276	4,276	4,051	4,051

In addition, other assets and liabilities of the Company that are not defined as financial instruments are not included in the above disclosures, such as property and equipment. Also, nonfinancial instruments typically not recognized in

financial statements nevertheless may have value but are not included in the above disclosures. These include, among other items, the estimated earnings power of core deposit accounts, the earnings potential of the trained work force, customer goodwill, and similar items.

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Note 10. Participation in the Treasury Capital Purchase Program

On January 9, 2009, as part of the Troubled Asset Relief Program (“TARP”) Capital Purchase Program, the Company entered into a Letter Agreement and Securities Purchase Agreement (collectively, the “Purchase Agreement”) with the United States Department of the Treasury (“U.S. Treasury”), pursuant to which the Company sold 32,668 shares of newly authorized Fixed Rate Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock, Series C, par value \$1.00 per share and liquidation value \$1,000 per share (the “Series C Preferred Stock”) and also issued warrants (the “Warrants”) to the U.S. Treasury to acquire an additional 508,320 shares of the Company’s common stock at an exercise price of \$9.64 per share.

The Series C Preferred Stock qualifies as Tier 1 capital and will pay cumulative dividends at a rate of 5% per annum for the first five years, and 9% per annum thereafter. The Series C Preferred Stock may be redeemed by the Company at any time subject to consultation with the Federal Reserve. The Series C Preferred Stock is not subject to any contractual restrictions on transfer.

Pursuant to the terms of the Purchase Agreement, the ability of the Company to declare or pay dividends or distributions on, or purchase, redeem or otherwise acquire for consideration, shares of its Common Stock will be subject to restrictions, including a restriction against increasing dividends from the last quarterly cash dividend per share (\$0.14) declared on the Common Stock prior to October 28, 2008. The redemption, purchase or other acquisition of trust preferred securities of the Company or its affiliates also will be restricted. These restrictions will terminate on the earlier of (a) the third anniversary of the date of issuance of the Preferred Stock and (b) the date on which the Preferred Stock has been redeemed in whole or the U.S. Treasury has transferred all of the Preferred Stock to third parties.

On August 10, 2009, the Company announced that it would defer scheduled interest payments on the principal outstanding Series C, fixed rate cumulative, perpetual preferred stock. The Company is accruing the expense in accordance with GAAP and the terms of the program. The Company may, at its option, redeem the deferred securities at their liquidation preference plus accrued and unpaid dividends at any time subject to consultation with the Federal Reserve.

Note 11. Goodwill and Intangible Assets

Goodwill

Goodwill initially recorded is subject to the completion of the valuation of assets acquired and liabilities assumed. Purchase accounting adjustments are the adjustments to the initial goodwill recorded at the time an acquisition is completed. Such adjustments generally consist of adjustments to the assigned fair value of assets acquired and liabilities assumed resulting from the completion of appraisals or other valuations and adjustments to initial estimates recorded for transaction costs or exit liabilities. Goodwill is not amortized but is subject to impairment tests on at least an annual basis.

At December 31, 2009, the Company performed its annual goodwill impairment analysis by using a third party to perform its step one analysis per accounting standards (i.e. ASC 350 “Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets”). The results of this analysis showed that the Company identified potential impairment. The step two results obtained from the third party were applied to our December 31 balance sheet which resulted in no additional impairment as the fair

value of the balances supported the level of goodwill carried as of December 31. However, if the economy remains stressed and bank stocks remain out of favor, no assurance can be given that future impairment tests will not result in a charge to earnings.

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Note 11. Goodwill and Intangible Assets (Continued)

The change in balance of goodwill during the year is as follows:

	September 30, 2010	December 31, 2009
Beginning of period	\$ 15,880	\$ 24,494
Goodwill allocated to sale of Trust	—	(163 )
Impairment recorded June 30, 2009	—	(8,451 )
End of period	\$ 15,880	\$ 15,880

In the first quarter of 2009, the Company sold its Trust product line which resulted in a goodwill charge to earnings.

Acquired Intangible Assets

Acquired intangible assets were as follows as of the quarter ending:

	September 30, 2010		December 31, 2009	
	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization
Amortized intangible assets:				
Core deposit intangibles	\$ 14,124	\$ 8,121	\$ 14,124	\$ 7,154
Missouri charter	581	—	581	—
Total	\$ 14,705	\$ 8,121	\$ 14,705	\$ 7,154

The core deposit intangible asset recorded in the 2006 merger with former Centrue Financial Corporation was \$13.0 million. Aggregate amortization expense was \$1.0 million and \$1.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009.

Estimated amortization expense for subsequent periods is as follows:

Remaining quarters in 2010	\$ 291
2011	1,029
2012	951
2013	951
2014	951
Thereafter	1,830

Note 12. Business Acquisitions and Divestures



On June 30, 2010, the Company completed the sale of its Effingham branch to Washington Savings Bank headquartered in Effingham, Illinois. Washington Savings Bank assumed approximately \$19.5 million in deposits and acquired \$5.9 million in loans. The net gain on the sale was \$1.2 million.

The sale of the Effingham branch in 2010 is not expected to have a material impact on the future operations and results of the Company.

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Note 13. Income Taxes

Per accounting guidance, the Company reviewed its deferred tax assets at September 30, 2010 and determined that a valuation allowance of \$12.8 million was necessary. The Company did not record a valuation allowance in previous quarters due to the weight of all positive evidence overcoming the negative evidence. However, during the third quarter of 2010 changes have occurred which have triggered the need for a valuation allowance. First, the Company has now generated enough net operating losses on a YTD basis to use up the available tax carryback refunds, and an additional NOL carryforward has now been generated and is included in the deferred balance. Second, the revised earnings forecast generated this quarter has declined from previous forecasts largely due to increased provision for loan loss levels and has moved profitability further into the future. Finally, the level of nonperforming assets has not declined as previously planned.

Below is a summary of items included in the deferred tax inventory as of December 31, 2009 and September 30, 2010:

	Balance at 09/30/10	Balance at 12/31/09	Change
Allowance for loan loss	\$ 16,759	\$ 15,801	\$ 958
Impairment on securities portfolio	7,479	5,926	1,553
Net operating loss carryforwards	3,985	1,773	2,212
Valuation adjustments on OREO property	1,321	408	913
Basis adjustments from merger	(1,630 )	(1,695 )	65
Mortgage servicing rights	(958 )	(1,114 )	156
All other	(347 )	(1,515 )	1,168
Net deferred tax	\$ 26,609	\$ 19,584	\$ 7,025
Valuation allowance on NOL carry forwards	(12,816 )	(370 )	(12,446 )
Net deferred tax assets	\$ 13,793	\$ 19,214	\$ (5,421 )

Note 14. Recent Accounting Developments

In June 2009, the FASB amended previous guidance relating to transfers of financial assets and eliminates the concept of a qualifying special purpose entity. This guidance must be applied as of the beginning of each reporting entity's first annual reporting period that begins after November 15, 2009, for interim periods within that first annual reporting period and for interim and annual reporting periods thereafter. This guidance must be applied to transfers occurring on or after the effective date. Additionally, on and after the effective date, the concept of a qualifying special-purpose entity is no longer relevant for accounting purposes. Therefore, formerly qualifying special-purpose entities should be evaluated for consolidation by reporting entities on and after the effective date in accordance with the applicable consolidation guidance. The disclosure provisions were also amended and apply to transfers that occurred both before and after the effective date of this guidance. The adoption of this guidance did not have a material effect on the Company's results of operations or financial position.

In July 2010, FASB issued guidance requiring companies to provide more information about the credit risks inherent in its loan and lease portfolios and how management considers those credit risks in determining the allowance for credit losses. A company would be required to disclose its accounting policies, the methods it uses to determine

components of the allowance for credit losses and qualitative and quantitative information about the credit quality of its loan portfolio, such as aging information and credit quality indicators. Both new and existing disclosures would be required either by portfolio segment or class, based on how a company develops its allowance for credit losses and how it manages its credit exposure. The guidance is effective for all financing receivables, including loans and trade accounts receivables. However, short-term trade account receivables, receivables measured at fair value or lower of cost or fair value, and debt securities are exempt from these disclosure requirements. For public companies, any period-end disclosures are effective for periods ending on or after December 15, 2010. Any disclosures about activity that occurs during a reporting period are effective for periods beginning on or after December 15, 2010. As this guidance affects only disclosures, the adoption of this guidance on December 31, 2010 for period-end disclosures and January 1, 2011 for intra-period activity is not expected to have a significant impact to the Company's financial statements.

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The following management discussion and analysis ("MD&A") is intended to address the significant factors affecting the Company's results of operations and financial condition for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010 as compared to the same period in 2009. In the opinion of management, all normal and recurring adjustments which are necessary to fairly present the results for the interim periods presented have been included. The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the recorded amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reported period. When we use the terms "Centrue," the "Company," "we," "us," and "our," we mean Centrue Financial Corporation, a Delaware corporation, and its consolidated subsidiary. When we use the term the "Bank," we are referring to our wholly owned banking subsidiary, Centrue Bank.

The MD&A should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements of the Company, and the accompanying notes thereto. The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the recorded amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reported period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. All financial information in the following tables is displayed in thousands (000s), except per share data.

#### Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. By their nature, changes in these assumptions and estimates could significantly affect the Company's financial position or results of operations. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Those critical accounting policies that are of particular significance to the Company are discussed in Note 1 of the Company's 2009 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

**Allowance for Loan Losses:** The allowance for loan losses is a valuation allowance for probable incurred credit losses, increased by the provision for loan losses and decreased by charge-offs less recoveries. Management estimates the allowance balance required based on past loan loss experience, the nature and volume of the portfolio, information about specific borrower situations and estimated collateral values, current economic conditions and other factors. Allocations of the allowance may be made for specific loans, but the entire allowance is available for any loan that, in management's judgment, should be charged off. Loan losses are charged against the allowance when management believes that the uncollectibility of a loan balance is confirmed.

**Securities:** Available-for-sale securities are those that the Company intends to hold for an indefinite period of time, but not necessarily to maturity. Any decision to sell a security classified as available-for-sale would be based on various factors, including significant movements in interest rates, changes in the maturity mix of the Company's assets and liabilities, liquidity needs, regulatory capital considerations, and other similar factors. Securities available-for-sale are carried at fair value with unrealized gains or losses, net of the related income tax effect, reported in other comprehensive income. Declines in the fair value of securities below their cost that are other than temporary are reflected as realized losses when the Company is unable to retain their position in the instrument allowing it to recover. If the Company is able to retain the instrument and allow it to recover its value, only the credit component of any identified impairment is recognized through the income statement. The fair values of securities available for sale is determined by obtaining quoted prices on nationally recognized securities exchanges (Level 1 inputs) or matrix

pricing, which is a mathematical technique widely used in the industry to value debt securities without relying exclusively on quoted prices for the specific securities but rather by relying on the securities' relationship to other benchmark quoted securities (Level 2 inputs). If the securities could not be priced using quoted market prices, observable market activity or comparable trades, the financial market was considered not active and the assets were classified as Level 3.

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The assets included in Level 3 are trust preferred CDOs and five CMOs. These securities were historically priced using Level 2 inputs. In 2008, the decline in the level of observable inputs and market activity for trust preferred CDOs by the measurement date was significant and resulted in unreliable external pricing. As such, these investments are now considered Level 3 inputs and are priced using an internal model. The following information is incorporated into the pricing model utilized in determining individual security valuations:

- historical and current performance of the underlying collateral
- deferral/default rates
- collateral coverage ratios
- break in yield calculations
- cash flow projections
- required liquidity and credit premiums
- financial trend analysis with respect to the individual issuing financial institutions and insurance companies

Due to market conditions as well as the limited trading activity of these securities, the market value of the securities is highly sensitive to assumption changes and market volatility.

The Company evaluates securities for other-than-temporary impairment at least on a quarterly basis, and more frequently when economic and market concerns warrant such valuation. Consideration is given to the length of time and the extent to which the fair value has been less than cost, the financial condition and near-term prospects of the issuer, and the intent and ability of the Company to retain its investment in the issuer for a period of time sufficient to allow for any anticipated recovery in fair value. In analyzing an issuer's financial condition, the Company may consider whether the securities are issued by the federal government or its agencies, whether downgrades by bond rating agencies have occurred, and the results of reviews of the issuer's financial condition. For additional discussion on securities, see Notes 3 and 9 of "Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements" of this Form 10-Q.

**Deferred Income Taxes:** Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are computed for differences between the financial statement and tax basis of assets and liabilities that will result in taxable or deductible amounts in the future based on enacted tax laws and rates applicable to the periods in which the differences are expected to affect taxable income. Deferred tax assets are also recognized for operating loss and tax credit carryforwards. Accounting guidance requires that companies assess whether a valuation allowance should be established against their deferred tax assets based on the consideration of all available evidence using a "more likely than not" standard.

Per accounting guidance, the Company reviewed its deferred tax assets at September 30, 2010 and determined that a valuation allowance of \$12.8 million was necessary. The Company did not record a valuation allowance in previous quarters due to the weight of all positive evidence overcoming the negative evidence. However, during the third quarter of 2010 changes have occurred which have triggered the need for a valuation allowance. First, the Company has now generated enough net operating losses on a YTD basis to use up the available tax carryback refunds, and an additional NOL carryforward has now been generated and is included in the deferred balance. Second, the revised earnings forecast generated this quarter has declined from previous forecasts largely due to increased provision for loan loss levels and has moved profitability further into the future. Finally, the level of nonperforming assets has not declined as previously planned.

An allowance of \$0.4 million was previously established upon the merger of UnionBancorp, Inc. with Centrue Financial Corporation for the portion of federal net operating loss carryforward that will expire unused under Section 382 of the Internal Revenue Code. The tax loss carryforward generated during the current year can be used over a twenty year carry forward period according to both Internal Revenue Service and State of Illinois guidelines. The State of Missouri does not allow carryforwards and therefore no tax benefits are currently being recorded related to Missouri losses. The deferred tax balance also includes an Alternative Minimum Tax credit carryforward which does not expire as well as a donation carryforward which has a five year expiration.

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The deferred tax asset will be analyzed quarterly to determine if any additional valuation allowance is warranted. In making such judgments, significant weight is given to evidence that can be objectively verified. In making decisions regarding any valuation allowance, the Company considers both positive and negative evidence and analyzes changes in near-term market conditions as well as other factors which may impact future operating results.

**Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets:** Goodwill results from business acquisitions and represents the excess of the purchase price over the fair value of acquired tangible assets and liabilities and identifiable intangible assets. Goodwill is assessed at least annually for impairment and if conditions warrant it more frequently. Any such impairment will be recognized in the period identified. Management evaluated goodwill as of September 30, 2010 and concluded there is no additional impairment at this time. Other intangible assets consist of core deposit and acquired customer relationship intangible assets arising from whole bank, and branch company acquisitions. They are initially measured at fair value and then are amortized over their estimated useful lives, which is ten years.

General

Third Quarter Highlights:

**Earnings:** Third quarter 2010 net loss of \$16.4 million compared to second quarter 2010 net loss of \$3.9 million and third quarter 2009 net loss of \$8.4 million. The results for the third quarter 2010 were primarily due to a \$12.8 million valuation allowance for our deferred tax asset and a \$7.3 million provision for loan losses.

**Risk-Based Capital Ratios:** All regulatory capital ratios at the Company and unit Centrue Bank exceeded regulatory "well-capitalized" levels as of September 30, 2010. Total Company risk-based capital ratio and tier 1 leverage ratio were 10.20% and 5.75%, respectively. Total Centrue Bank risk-based capital ratio and tier 1 leverage ratio was 10.42% and 6.52%, respectively.

**Credit Quality:** The allowance for loan losses was increased to 5.67% of total loans; nonperforming assets increased \$10.5 million from second quarter 2010 to 10.15% of total assets; the coverage ratio (allowance for loan losses to nonperforming loans) remained relatively unchanged from second quarter 2010; quarterly provision levels exceeded net loan charge-offs by \$1.0 million.

**Balance Sheet:** Total assets equaled \$1.180 billion, representing decreases of \$47.1 million, or 3.8%, from June 30, 2010 and \$133.0 million, or 10.1%, from year-end 2009. Total loans equaled \$764.6 million, representing decreases of \$27.7 million, or 3.5%, from June 30, 2010 and \$120.5 million, or 13.6%, from year-end 2009. Total deposits equaled \$958.0 million, representing decreases of \$35.3 million, or 3.6%, from June 30, 2010 and \$96.7 million, or 9.2%, from year-end 2009.

**Net Interest Margin:** The net interest margin was 2.69% for the third quarter 2010, representing decreases of 10 basis points from 2.79% recorded in the second quarter 2010 and 52 basis points from 3.21% reported in the third quarter 2009.

**Liquidity:** The Bank's liquidity improved as securities grew, while loans and wholesale funding (brokered deposits and FHLB advances) decreased since year-end 2009.

**Income Taxes:** The Company established a \$12.8 million valuation allowance against the deferred tax asset in the third quarter 2010 in part due to management's determination that the third quarter asset quality results impacted the short-term ability to realize the asset.





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Results of Operations

Net Income (Loss)

The Company reported a third quarter net loss of \$16.4 million. This compares with a net loss of \$3.9 million in the second quarter of 2010 and a net loss of \$8.4 million in the third quarter of 2009. The net loss per common diluted share in the third quarter 2010 was \$2.79, compared to \$0.73 in the second quarter of 2010 and \$1.47 in the third quarter 2009. For the first nine months of 2010, the Company reported a net loss of \$26.6 million, or \$4.64 per common diluted share, compared to a net loss of \$23.6 million, or \$4.13 per common diluted share, for the same period in 2009.

Third quarter 2010 results include a \$12.8 million valuation allowance for our deferred tax asset. Excluding the \$12.8 million valuation for the deferred tax asset, the third quarter 2010 net loss equaled \$3.6 million, or \$(0.68) per common diluted share. Credit costs continued to weigh heavily on earnings in the third quarter 2010, as we recorded \$7.3 million in provision for loan losses largely related to asset quality deterioration in the Company's land development, construction and commercial real estate portfolio. Also contributing to the loss was a \$0.5 million non-cash credit impairment charge to CDO securities, \$0.4 million non-cash valuation adjustment to OREO and increased loan remediation costs, including collection expenses on nonperforming loans and expenses associated with maintaining foreclosed real estate. Positively contributing to earnings were gains on sale of securities and increase in mortgage banking revenue.

Net Interest Income/ Margin

The Company's net interest income is affected by changes in the amount and mix of interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities, referred to as "volume change." It is also affected by changes in yields earned on interest-earning assets and rates paid on interest-bearing deposits and other borrowed funds referred to as "rate change." The following table details each category of average amounts outstanding for interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities, average rate earned on all interest-earning assets, average rate paid on all interest-bearing liabilities and the net yield on average interest-earning assets. In addition, the table reflects the changes in net interest income stemming from changes in interest rates and from asset and liability volume, including mix. The change in interest attributable to both rate and volume has been allocated to the changes in the rate and the volume on a pro rata basis.

Fully tax equivalent net interest income for the third quarter 2010 decreased 24.0% to \$7.3 million as compared to \$9.6 million for the same period in 2009. As compared to the second quarter 2010, it declined \$0.5 million or 6.4%. The net interest margin, on a tax equivalent basis, was 2.69% for the third quarter, representing decreases of 10 basis points from 2.79% recorded in the second quarter of 2010 and 52 basis points from 3.21% recorded in the third quarter of 2009.

The decrease in net interest income and the net interest margin from 2009 was primarily due to the cost of increasing liquidity, average loan volume decline, the cost of carrying higher balances of nonaccrual loans and the impact of nonaccrual loan interest reversals. Additionally, the loan portfolio purchase accounting adjustments that were accreted into interest income related to the Company's 2006 merger expired in the first quarter 2010. Positively impacting the margin was increased utilization of interest rate floors on a majority of variable rate loans and a reduction in the

Company's cost of interest-bearing liabilities due to maturity of higher rate time deposits and decline in market interest rates. Due largely to the protracted economic downturn, the carrying cost of nonaccrual loans, and the Company's interest rate sensitivity the margin will likely remain under pressure through the remainder of 2010.

Fully tax equivalent net interest income for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 totaled \$23.3 million, representing a decrease of \$6.8 million or 22.6% compared to the \$30.1 million earned during the same period in 2009. The net interest margin, on a tax equivalent basis, was 2.79% for the nine months ended September 30, 2010, representing a decrease of 51 basis points from 3.30% recorded in the same period of 2009. The decrease of net interest income and the net interest margin was driven by the same factors impacting the third quarter.

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2010

	2010			2009			Change Due To:		
	Average Balance	Interest Income/ Expense	Average Rate	Average Balance	Interest Income/ Expense	Average Rate	Volume	Rate	Net
<b>ASSETS</b>									
<b>Interest-earning assets</b>									
Interest-earning deposits	\$5,209	\$18	1.39%	\$2,783	\$17	2.44%	\$12	\$(11 )	\$1
Securities									
Taxable	261,093	1,367	2.08	209,980	2,026	3.83	571	(1,230)	(659 )
Non-taxable	29,270	384	5.20	35,683	487	5.42	(81 )	(22 )	(103 )
Total securities (tax equivalent)	290,363	1,751	2.39	245,663	2,513	4.06	490	(1,252)	(762 )
Federal funds sold & other	620	8	5.18	620	8	4.94	—	—	—
<b>Loans</b>									
Commercial	128,435	1,854	5.73	142,326	2,143	5.97	(187 )	(102 )	(289 )
Real estate	647,874	7,935	4.86	790,466	10,726	5.38	(1,647)	(1,144)	(2,791)
Installment and other	4,074	92	8.98	5,530	130	9.31	(30 )	(8 )	(38 )
Gross loans (tax equivalent)	780,383	9,881	5.02	938,322	12,999	5.50	(1,864)	(1,254)	(3,118)
Total interest-earnings assets	1,076,575	11,658	4.30	1,187,388	15,537	5.19	(1,362)	(2,517)	(3,879)
<b>Noninterest-earning assets</b>									
Cash and cash equivalents	44,545			54,262					
Premises and equipment, net	26,688			30,908					
Other assets	66,723			56,948					

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Total nonearning assets	137,956			142,118						
Total assets	\$ 1,214,531			\$ 1,329,506						
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>										
<b>Interest-bearing liabilities</b>										
NOW accounts	99,931	60	0.24	108,794	148	0.54	(15 )	(73 )	(88 )	
Money market accounts	133,091	255	0.76	146,862	434	1.17	(46 )	(133 )	(179 )	
Savings deposits	91,736	34	0.15	89,478	61	0.27	—	(27 )	(27 )	
Time deposits	541,171	3,068	2.25	589,945	4,287	2.88	(374 )	(845 )	(1,219)	
Federal funds purchased and repurchase agreements	11,697	7	0.25	31,344	39	0.50	(19 )	(13 )	(32 )	
Advances from FHLB	75,516	572	3.01	76,266	595	3.10	(7 )	(16 )	(23 )	
Notes payable and subordinated debt	31,926	373	4.63	31,742	363	4.53	(3 )	13	10	
Total interest-bearing liabilities	985,068	4,369	1.76	1,074,431	5,927	2.19	(464 )	(1,094)	(1,558)	
<b>Noninterest-bearing liabilities</b>										
Noninterest-bearing deposits	115,550			112,778						
Other liabilities	13,172			11,244						
Total noninterest-bearing liabilities	128,722			124,022						
Stockholders' equity	100,741			131,053						
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 1,214,531			\$ 1,329,506						
Net interest income (tax equivalent)		\$ 7,289			\$ 9,610		\$ (898 )	\$ (1,423)	\$ (2,321)	
Net interest income (tax equivalent) to total earning assets	91.50	%	2.69%	90.49	%	3.21%				

Interest-bearing  
liabilities to earning  
assets

- (1) Average balance and average rate on securities classified as available-for-sale is based on historical amortized cost balances.
- (2) Interest income and average rate on non-taxable securities are reflected on a tax equivalent basis based upon a statutory federal income tax rate of 34%.
- (3) Nonaccrual loans are included in the average balances; overdraft loans are excluded in the balances.
- (4) Loan fees are included in the specific loan category.

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AVERAGE BALANCE SHEET  
AND ANALYSIS OF NET INTEREST INCOME

For the Nine Months Ended September 30,

	2010			2009			Change Due To:		
	Average Balance	Interest Income/ Expense	Average Rate	Average Balance	Interest Income/ Expense	Average Rate	Volume	Rate	Net
<b>ASSETS</b>									
Interest-earning assets									
Interest-earning deposits	\$4,219	\$62	1.96%	\$2,738	\$27	1.32%	\$22	\$13	\$35
Securities									
Taxable	257,034	4,690	2.44	209,171	6,652	4.25	1,737	(3,699)	(1,962 )
Non-taxable	30,884	1,219	5.28	35,547	1,464	5.51	(176 )	(69 )	(245 )
Total securities (tax equivalent)	287,918	5,909	2.74	244,718	8,116	4.44	1,561	(3,768)	(2,207 )
Federal funds sold & other	2,525	30	1.61	620	25	5.29	34	(29 )	5
Loans									
Commercial	136,084	5,726	5.63	155,655	6,720	5.77	(800 )	(194 )	(994 )
Real estate	682,244	25,962	5.09	810,025	33,742	5.57	(4,612)	(3,168)	(7,780 )
Installment and other	4,051	268	8.85	5,615	387	9.20	(96 )	(23 )	(119 )
Gross loans (tax equivalent)	822,379	31,956	5.20	971,295	40,849	5.62	(5,508)	(3,385)	(8,893 )
T o t a l interest-earnings assets	1,117,041	37,957	4.54	1,219,371	49,017	5.38	(3,891)	(7,169)	(11,060)
Noninterest-earning assets									
Cash and cash equivalents	55,288			40,902					
Premises and equipment, net	28,540			31,452					
Other assets	65,532			64,003					

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Total nonearning assets	149,360			136,357					
Total assets	\$1,266,401			\$1,355,728					
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>									
<b>Interest-bearing liabilities</b>									
NOW accounts	99,646	253	0.34	104,571	481	0.62	(31 )	(197 )	(228 )
Money market accounts	133,892	979	0.98	147,975	1,708	1.54	(181 )	(548 )	(729 )
Savings deposits	93,577	144	0.21	89,391	180	0.27	5	(41 )	(36 )
Time deposits	582,660	10,460	2.40	595,548	13,500	3.03	(371 )	(2,669)	(3,040 )
Federal funds purchased and repurchase agreements	13,492	37	0.37	28,180	111	0.53	(51 )	(23 )	(74 )
Advances from FHLB	77,823	1,733	2.98	91,277	1,708	2.50	(278 )	303	25
Notes payable & subordinated debt	32,029	1,074	4.48	33,291	1,215	4.88	(44 )	(97 )	(141 )
<b>T o t a l interest-bearing liabilities</b>	<b>1,033,119</b>	<b>14,680</b>	<b>1.90</b>	<b>1,090,233</b>	<b>18,903</b>	<b>2.32</b>	<b>(951 )</b>	<b>(3,272)</b>	<b>(4,223 )</b>
<b>Noninterest-bearing liabilities</b>									
Noninterest-bearing deposits	115,302			113,965					
Other liabilities	12,761			10,781					
<b>T o t a l noninterest-bearing liabilities</b>	<b>128,063</b>			<b>124,746</b>					
Stockholders' equity	105,219			140,749					
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$1,266,401			\$1,355,728					
Net interest income (tax equivalent)		\$23,277			\$30,114		\$(2,940)	\$(3,897)	\$(6,837 )
Net interest income (tax equivalent) to total earning assets	92.49	%	2.79%	89.41	%	3.30%			



Interest-bearing  
liabilities to earning  
assets

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## Provision for Loan Losses

The amount of the provision for loan losses is based on management's evaluations of the loan portfolio, with particular attention directed toward nonperforming, impaired and other potential problem loans. During these evaluations, consideration is also given to such factors as management's evaluation of specific loans, the level and composition of impaired loans, other nonperforming loans, other identified potential problem loans, historical loss experience, results of examinations by regulatory agencies, results of the independent asset quality review process, the market value of collateral, the estimate of discounted cash flows, the strength and availability of guarantees, concentrations of credits and various other factors, including concentration of credit risk in various industries and current economic conditions.

The provision for loan losses for third quarter 2010 was \$7.3 million, compared to \$7.6 million and \$14.5 million for second quarter 2010 and third quarter 2009, respectively. The third quarter 2010 provision was driven by an increase in nonperforming loans; elevated levels of charge-offs which impacts historical loss levels; deteriorating collateral values, reflecting the impact of the adverse economic climate on the Company's borrowers; guarantor positions collapsing due to economic conditions; and an increase in the level of past due loans.

Management continues to diligently monitor the loan portfolio, paying particular attention to borrowers with residential and commercial real estate exposure. The prolonged period of high economic uncertainty that began in 2008 continued into the third quarter of 2010. Should the economic climate deteriorate from current levels, more borrowers may experience repayment difficulty. In turn, the level of nonperforming loans, charge-offs and delinquencies will rise, requiring further increases in the provision for loan losses.

## Noninterest Income

Noninterest income consists of a wide variety of fee-based revenues from bank-related service charges on deposits and mortgage revenues. Also included in this category are revenues generated by the Company's increases in cash surrender value on bank-owned life insurance.

The following table summarizes the Company's noninterest income:

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2010	2009	2010	2009
Service charges	\$ 1,215	\$ 1,756	\$ 3,934	\$ 4,812
Mortgage banking income	628	351	1,114	1,860
Electronic banking income	516	513	1,528	1,447
Bank owned life insurance	261	248	773	763
Other income	204	191	858	806
Subtotal recurring noninterest income	2,824	3,059	8,207	9,688
Securities gains	899	—	1,913	246
Net impairment on securities	(498 )	(3,132 )	(4,022 )	(9,049 )
Valuation adjustment mortgage servicing rights	—	—	(225 )	—
Gain on sale of OREO	24	130	34	166
Gain on sale of other assets	178	9	1,648	117

Total noninterest income	\$ 3,427	\$ 66	\$ 7,555	\$ 1,168
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Total noninterest income for the third quarter of 2010 was \$3.4 million, an increase of \$3.3 million, compared to \$0.1 million reported in the same period in 2009, which included impairment charges on CDO securities of \$3.1 million. Included in noninterest income for the third quarter of 2010 was a \$0.9 million gain on sale of securities, \$0.5 million of credit impairment charges on CDO securities and a \$0.2 million gain related to the sale of other assets. Excluding nonrecurring items from 2010 and 2009, noninterest income decreased \$0.3 million or 9.7%. This net decrease largely stems from reduced consumer spending and the impact on overdraft fees partially offset by higher revenue generated from the mortgage banking business as volume has increased due to the rate environment.

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For the nine months ended September 30, 2010, total noninterest income was \$7.6 million compared to \$1.2 million. This was a \$6.4 million or 533.3% increase. Recurring noninterest income decreased \$1.5 million or 15.5%. The decline for the nine months was due to reduced consumer spending and the impact on overdraft fees and lower revenue generated from the mortgage banking business as volume has decreased compared to 2009.

## Noninterest Expense

Noninterest expense is comprised primarily of compensation and employee benefits, deposit account expense, occupancy and other operating expense. The following table summarizes the Company's noninterest expense:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2010	2009	2010	2009
Salaries and employee benefits	\$3,547	\$3,931	\$11,019	\$12,379
Occupancy, net	647	777	2,378	2,547
Furniture and equipment	642	602	1,685	1,726
Marketing	91	191	280	579
Supplies and printing	106	108	302	344
Telephone	194	164	567	654
Data processing	388	374	1,167	1,136
FDIC insurance	842	538	2,549	1,877
Loan processing and collection costs	675	483	1,789	946
Amortization of intangible assets	307	375	967	1,182
Other expenses	1,462	1,448	4,307	4,312
Subtotal recurring noninterest expenses	8,901	8,991	27,010	27,682
Goodwill impairment	—	—	—	8,451
OREO valuation adjustment	378	—	2,365	—
Total noninterest expense	\$9,279	\$8,991	\$29,375	\$36,133

Total noninterest expense for the third quarter of 2010 was \$9.3 million, an increase of \$0.3 million, compared to \$9.0 million recorded during the same period in 2009. Included in noninterest expense for the third quarter of 2010 was a \$0.4 million valuation adjustment to OREO. Excluding the OREO valuation adjustment, noninterest expense levels decreased by \$0.1 million, or 1.1%. The lower expense levels were attributed to reductions in various noninterest expense categories, including salaries and employee benefits and reduced discretionary spending in areas such as marketing, contributions, dues and subscriptions and travel. These lower expense levels were offset by higher FDIC premiums and loan remediation costs, including collection expenses on nonperforming loans and expenses associated with maintaining foreclosed real estate.

Noninterest expense totaled \$29.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 decreasing by \$6.7 million or 18.6% from the same period in 2009. Excluding nonrecurring charges of \$2.4 million for 2010 and \$8.5 million for 2009, noninterest expense levels decreased \$0.6 million or 2.2% for the first nine months of 2010 as compared to 2009. The decrease was due mainly to the same reasons as expressed for third quarter.

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## Applicable Income Taxes

Income tax expense for the periods included benefits for tax-exempt income, tax-advantaged investments and general business tax credits offset by the effect of nondeductible expenses. The following table shows the Company's income before income taxes, as well as applicable income taxes and the effective tax rate for the three and nine months ended September 2010 and 2009.

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2010	2009	2010	2009
Income (loss) before income taxes	\$(5,963 )	\$(14,017 )	\$(23,174 )	\$(35,262 )
Applicable income taxes	10,440	(5,605 )	3,414	(11,700 )
Effective tax rates	(175.08 %)	39.99 %	(14.73 %)	33.18 %

The Company recorded income tax expense of \$10.4 million and benefit of \$5.6 million for the three months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively. Effective tax rates equaled (175.08%) and 39.99% respectively, for such periods. The Company recorded income tax expense of \$3.4 million and benefit of \$11.7 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively. Effective tax rates equaled (14.73%) and 33.18% respectively, for such periods.

The Company recorded a deferred tax valuation allowance of \$12.8 million in September 2010, which is included in the income tax expense for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010. Excluding this item, the income tax benefit for the three and nine months ended September, 2010 would have been \$2.4 million and \$9.4 million, respectively, and the effective tax rates would have been 39.85% and 40.57%, respectively. For the nine months ended September 30, 2010, the Company's effective tax rate was lower than statutory rates due to the non-deductible portion of the goodwill impairment charge taken in the second quarter of 2009. Excluding this item, the effective tax rate for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 would have been approximately 40.92%. Excluding the valuation adjustment, the income tax benefits for all periods were generated by the non-cash impairment charges related to trust preferred securities, writedowns on other real estate owned properties, higher than historical provision for loan losses, and the goodwill impairment charge.

The Company's tax rates are also impacted by several tax-exempt items. First, the Company derives interest income from municipal securities and loans, which are exempt from federal tax and certain U.S. government agency securities, which are exempt from state tax. Second, the Company derives income from bank owned life insurance policies, which is exempt from federal and state tax. Finally, state income taxes are recorded net of the federal tax benefit, which lowers the combined effective tax rate. Excluding the valuation adjustment and goodwill impairment charge, the higher than statutory effective tax rates for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009 were due to the taxable losses generating tax benefits at the combined statutory rate of 38.62% and further increased by the tax-exempt items.

## Earnings Review by Business Segment

The Company's internal reporting and planning process focuses on three primary lines of business: Retail, Commercial and Treasury. See Note 7 of the Notes to Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements for the presentation of the condensed income statement and total assets for each Segment.

The financial information presented was derived from the Company's internal profitability reporting system that is used by management to monitor and manage the financial performance of the Company. This information is based on internal management accounting policies which have been developed to reflect the underlying economics of the Segments and, to the extent practicable, to portray the Segment as if it operated on a stand alone basis. Thus, each Segment, in addition to its direct revenues and expenses, assets and liabilities, includes an allocation of shared support function expenses. The Retail, Commercial and Treasury Segments also include funds transfer pricing adjustments to appropriately reflect the cost of funds on loans made and funding credits on deposits generated. Apart from these adjustments, the accounting policies used are similar to those described in Note 1 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

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Since there are no comprehensive authorities for management accounting equivalent to GAAP, the information presented is not necessarily comparable with similar information from other financial institutions. In addition, methodologies used to measure, assign and allocate certain items may change from time-to-time to reflect, among other things, accounting estimate refinements, changes in risk profiles, changes in customers or product lines and changes in management structure.

**Retail Segment.** The Retail Segment ("Retail") provides retail banking services to individual customers through the Company's branch locations in Illinois and Missouri. The services provided by this Segment include direct lending, checking, savings, money market, CD accounts, safe deposit rental, ATMs and other traditional and electronic banking services.

Retail generated a third quarter 2010 loss of \$2.0 million, or 12.2% of total Segment loss, as compared to a loss of \$0.4 million, or 4.8% of total Segment loss, during the same period in 2009. Year to date Retail Segment net loss was \$3.7 million, or 13.9% of total Segment loss, as compared to net loss of \$4.6 million, or 19.5%, for the same period in 2009. Retail assets were \$200.1 million at September 30, 2010, \$223.4 million at December 31, 2009 and \$243.8 million as of September 30, 2009. This represented 17.0%, 17.0% and 18.2% of total consolidated assets, respectively.

The major factors impacting results for the third quarter 2010 were primarily related to the \$0.6 million tax expense attributed to the \$12.8 million deferred tax asset valuation adjustment, lower net interest income due to pressure on loan yields, reduced earning asset levels and reduced loan fee income. Segment loss increased from third quarter 2009 primarily due to a \$0.5 million decrease in service charges, negative net servicing fees and higher allocations. This decrease in income was slightly offset by higher revenue from the mortgage product line and lower non-interest expenses. For the year to date results, the improvement is primarily due to a reduction in net allocations offset partially by similar items as experienced in the current quarter.

**Commercial Segment.** The Commercial Segment ("Commercial") provides commercial banking services to business customers served through the Company's full service branch channels located in Illinois and Missouri. The services provided by this Segment include lending, business checking and deposits, cash management, and other traditional as well as electronic commercial banking services.

Commercial generated a third quarter 2010 loss of \$15.0 million, or 91.5% of total Segment loss, as compared to a loss of \$6.5 million, or 77.4% of total Segment loss, during the same period in 2009. Year to date Commercial Segment net loss was \$22.3 million, or 83.8% of total Segment loss, as compared to net loss of \$13.5 million, or 57.2%, for the same period in 2009. Commercial assets were \$597.2 million at September 30, 2010, \$693.1 million at December 31, 2009 and \$778.3 million as of September 30, 2009. This represented 50.6%, 52.8% and 58.1% of total consolidated assets, respectively.

Results for the third quarter 2010 declined due primarily to the \$10.0 million tax expense attributable to the \$12.8 million deferred tax asset valuation adjustment. Additionally, net interest income was adversely impacted by the lower yields on loan portfolio, average loan volume decline, the cost of carrying higher nonaccrual loans and the impact of nonaccrual loan interest reversals. The loan portfolio purchase accounting adjustments that were accreted into interest income related to the Company's 2006 merger expired in the first quarter 2010. Finally, noninterest expense was higher due to higher loan remediation costs, including collection expenses on nonperforming loans and expenses associated with maintaining foreclosed real estate and OREO valuation adjustments. Offsetting these negative impacts slightly were lower levels of provision for loan losses related to land development, construction and commercial real



estate credits as compared to third quarter 2009 levels and net allocations were lower in 2010 as compared to 2009. On a year to date basis, results are worse in 2010 than in 2009 due to items described for the quarter except allocations are lower on year to date basis.

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Treasury Segment. The Treasury Segment ("Treasury") is responsible for managing the investment portfolio, acquiring wholesale funding for loan activity and assisting in the management of the Company's liquidity and interest rate risk.

Treasury generated a third quarter 2010 gain of \$0.6 million, as compared to a net loss of \$1.5 million, or 17.9% of total Segment net loss, during the same period in 2009. Year to date Treasury Segment net loss was \$0.6 million, or 2.3% of total Segment loss, as compared to net loss of \$5.5 million, or 23.3%, for the same period in 2009. Treasury assets were \$282.1 million at September 30, 2010, \$277.4 million at December 31, 2009 and \$257.3 million at September 30, 2009. This represented 23.9%, 21.1% and 19.2% of total consolidated assets, respectively.

Results for Treasury were impacted positively by the \$0.9 million of security gains during the third quarter 2010 and lower non-cash CDO impairment charges which were \$3.1 million in the same period of 2009. Those positives were offset by lower net interest income due to decreased yields in the security portfolio, lower tax benefit and higher allocations. The year to date results for Treasury were impacted by similar items.

#### Financial Condition

##### General

Following are highlights of the September 30, 2010 balance sheet when compared to June 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009:

Securities. Total securities equaled \$282.2 million, representing a decrease of \$25.6 million, or 8.3%, from June 30, 2010 and an increase of \$6.7 million, or 2.4%, from year-end 2009. The decrease from June was related to initiatives to increase the margin by reducing high cost funding alternatives. The increase from year end was related to the earlier surplus liquidity initiatives. The primary strategic objective of the Company's securities portfolio is to assist with liquidity and interest rate risk management. In managing the securities portfolio, the Company seeks to minimize any credit risk and avoid investments in sophisticated and complex investment products. The Company does not hold any securities containing sub-prime mortgages or any Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac equities.

At quarter-end, the Company held seven pooled trust preferred collateralized debt obligations ("CDOs") involving approximately three hundred original issuers with a total book value (after third quarter 2010 impairment) of \$9.4 million and fair value of \$6.4 million. The investments in trust-preferred securities receive principal and interest payments from several pools of subordinated capital debentures with each pool containing issuances by a minimum of twenty-three banks or, in a few instances, capital notes from insurance companies. The Company also has single issuer trust preferred instruments with an amortized cost of \$3.8 million and fair value of \$3.9 million.

Per guidance issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") regarding the recognition and presentation of Other-Than-Temporary Impairments, codified as ASC 320-10, the Company recorded for the third quarter 2010 a \$0.5 million pre-tax non-cash impairment charge based upon management's determination that two trust preferred securities with an aggregate cost before impairment of \$4.3 million were other than temporarily impaired. This determination was based on the Company's analysis which follows accounting pronouncements. The analysis showed an adverse change in estimated cash flows from these securities due to a significant number of deferrals. These values continued to decline as rating agencies downgraded the ratings of the securities. Per the accounting pronouncements, the Company calculated the difference between the present value of the cash flows expected to be collected and the cost basis, otherwise referred to as the credit loss.

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Should the economic climate deteriorate from current levels, the underlying credits may experience repayment difficulty, and the level of deferrals and defaults could increase requiring additional impairment charges in future quarters.

Loans. Total loans equaled \$764.6 million, representing decreases of \$27.7 million, or 3.5%, from June 30, 2010 and \$120.5 million, or 13.6%, from year-end 2009. This decline was related to a combination of normal attrition, pay-downs, loan charge-offs and strategic initiatives to reduce balance sheet risk. Due to economic conditions, we have also experienced a decrease in loan demand as many borrowers continue to reduce their debt.

The Company does not have any material direct sub-prime exposure as we have focused our residential real estate lending activities on providing traditional loan products to relationship borrowers in locally known markets.

Deposit. Total deposits equaled \$958.0 million, representing decreases of \$35.3 million, or 3.6%, from June 30, 2010 and \$96.7 million, or 9.2%, from year-end 2009. Excluding \$19.5 million in deposits related to the Effingham branch sale in the second quarter of 2010, deposits decreased \$77.2 million, or 7.3%, from year-end 2009. The net decrease from year-end 2009 was primarily related to declines in NOW accounts and time deposits on strategic initiatives to reduce higher costing in-market time deposits, brokered deposits and collateralized local public agency deposits.

Goodwill. Goodwill was \$15.9 million as of September 30, 2010 which represented no change from the level at June 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009. GAAP requires companies to perform an annual test for goodwill impairment. The Company performed its last annual goodwill impairment test as of December 31, 2009. Results of the analysis determined no goodwill impairment since the fair value of the balances supported the level of goodwill carried. Based on the deferred tax valuation allowance recorded in the current quarter, management performed an internal review and determined that this had no adverse impact on goodwill. However, if the economy remains stressed, the Bank's operating losses continue and bank stocks remain out of favor, no assurance can be given that future impairment tests will not result in a charge to earnings. Management will perform its' annual analysis at year-end using an independent third party.

Other Assets. Other assets equaled \$26.4 million at September 30, 2010 compared to \$36.1 million recorded at June 30, 2010 and \$34.4 million recorded at December 31, 2009. The majority of this decrease was related to the \$12.8 million deferred tax asset valuation allowance taken in the third quarter of 2010.

#### Nonperforming Assets

The Company's financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting, including the recognition of interest income on its loan portfolio, unless a loan is placed on nonaccrual status. Loans are placed on nonaccrual status when there are serious doubts regarding the collectibility of all principal and interest due under the terms of the loans. If a loan is placed on nonaccrual status, the loan does not generate current period income for the Company and any amounts received are generally applied first to principal and then to interest. It is the policy of the Company not to renegotiate the terms of a loan because of a delinquent status. Rather, a loan is generally transferred to nonaccrual status if it is not in the process of collection and is delinquent in payment of either principal or interest beyond 90 days.

The classification of a loan as nonaccrual does not necessarily indicate that the principal is uncollectible, in whole or in part. The Company makes a determination as to collectibility on a case-by-case basis and considers both the

adequacy of the collateral and the other resources of the borrower in determining the steps to be taken to collect nonaccrual loans. The final determination as to the steps taken is made based upon the specific facts of each situation. Alternatives that are typically considered to collect nonaccrual loans are foreclosure, collection under guarantees, loan restructuring, or judicial collection actions.

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Each of the Company's commercial loans is assigned a rating based upon an internally developed grading system. A separate credit administration department also reviews grade assignments on a quarterly basis. Management continuously monitors nonperforming, impaired, and past due loans in an effort to prevent further deterioration of these loans. The Company has an independent loan review function which is separate from the lending function and is responsible for the review of new and existing loans.

The following table summarizes nonperforming assets and loans past due 90 days or more for the previous five quarters:

	2010		2009		
	Sep 30,	June 30,	Mar 31,	Dec 31,	Sep 30,
Nonaccrual loans	\$78,197	\$78,260	\$78,958	\$80,121	\$75,973
Troubled debt restructurings	16,899	14,898	11,226	743	684
Loans 90 days past due and still accruing interest	—	—	—	—	—
Total nonperforming loans	95,096	93,158	90,184	80,864	76,657
Other real estate owned	24,695	16,182	15,230	16,223	13,961
Total nonperforming assets	\$119,791	\$109,340	\$105,414	\$97,087	\$90,618
End of period loans	\$764,585	\$792,289	\$838,700	\$885,095	\$921,340
Nonperforming loans to total end of period loans	12.44	% 11.76	% 10.75	% 9.14	% 8.32
Nonperforming assets to total end of period loans	15.67	% 13.80	% 12.57	% 10.97	% 9.84
Nonperforming assets to total end of period assets	10.15	% 8.91	% 8.19	% 7.40	% 6.77

Nonperforming loans (nonaccrual, 90 days past due and troubled debt restructures) increased to \$95.1 million at September 30, 2010, from \$93.2 million at June 30, 2010 and \$80.9 million at December 31, 2009. The level of nonperforming loans to end of period loans was 12.44% as of September 30, 2010 as compared to 11.76% as of June 30, 2010 and 9.14% as of December 31, 2009. The nonperforming loan ratio (nonperforming loans to end of period loans) was negatively impacted to a greater degree by the decrease in total loans outstanding than the increase in nonperforming loans.

Approximately 48.0% of total nonaccrual loans at September 30, 2010 were concentrated in land development and construction credits. The ratio of construction and land development loans to total loans decreased to 11.67% at September 30, 2010 from 13.32% at June 30, 2010 and 14.50% at December 31, 2009.

The coverage ratio (allowance for loan losses to nonperforming loans) was 45.63% at September 30, 2010, representing an increase from 45.49% at June 30, 2010 and a decrease from 50.59% at December 31, 2009. Our coverage ratio has declined since year-end as many of the previously identified workout loans were placed into nonaccrual status and marked to fair value of the collateral.

Other real estate owned (“OREO”) increased to \$24.7 million at September 30, 2010, from \$16.2 million at June 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009. During the third quarter 2010, the Company recorded valuation adjustments on OREO properties by \$0.4 million reflective of existing market conditions and more aggressive disposition strategies.

Nonperforming assets (nonaccrual, 90 days past due, troubled debt restructures and OREO) increased to \$119.8 million at September 30, 2010, from \$109.3 million at June 30, 2010 and \$97.1 million at December 31, 2009. This included \$78.2 million of nonaccrual loans, \$16.9 million in troubled debt restructures and \$24.7 million of foreclosed assets and repossessed real estate. The ratio of nonperforming assets to total assets increased to 10.15% at September 30, 2010 from 8.91% at June 30, 2010 and 7.40% as of December 31, 2009.

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Other Potential Problem Loans

The Company has other potential problem loans that are currently performing, but where some concerns exist regarding the nature of the borrowers' projects in our current economic environment. Through the end of the third quarter 2010, \$48.7 million of loans had been identified by management that are currently performing but due to the economic environment facing these borrowers were classified by management as impaired. Impaired loans that are performing account for 33.9% of the loans deemed impaired during the third quarter of 2010. Excluding nonperforming loans and loans that management has classified as impaired, there are other potential problem loans that totaled \$12.6 million at September 30, 2010 as compared to \$16.3 million at June 30, 2010 and \$23.4 million at December 31, 2009. The classification of these loans, however, does not imply that management expects losses on each of these loans, but believes that a higher level of scrutiny and closer monitoring is prudent under the circumstances. Such classifications relate to specific concerns for each individual borrower and do not relate to any concentration risk common to all loans in this group.

Allowance for Loan Losses

The Company increased its allowance for loan losses to \$43.4 million, an increase of \$1.0 million from June 30, 2010 and up \$2.5 million from December 31, 2009. During the first nine months of 2010, the allowance for loan losses increased 32 basis points to 5.67% of total loans outstanding at September 30, 2010, compared to 5.35% at June 30, 2010, 4.62% at December 31, 2009 and 3.04% at September 30, 2009. Management evaluates the allowance for loan losses based on the combined total of specific reserves, historical loss and qualitative components and believes that the allowance for loan losses represented probable incurred credit losses inherent in the loan portfolio at September 30, 2010.

The provision for loan losses for third quarter 2010 was \$7.3 million, down from \$7.6 million and \$14.5 million for second quarter 2010 and third quarter 2009, respectively. The third quarter 2010 provision was driven by the following factors:

- increase in nonperforming
- elevated levels of action list loans;
- elevated levels of charge-offs and losses which impacts historical loss levels;
- deteriorating collateral values, reflecting the impact of the adverse economic climate on the Company's borrowers;
- guarantor positions collapsing due to economic conditions; and
- increase in the level of past due loans.

Net loan charge-offs for the third quarter 2010 were \$6.2 million, or 0.80% of average loans, compared with \$7.0 million, or 0.86% of average loans, for the second quarter 2010 and \$13.5 million, or 1.43% of average loans, for the third quarter 2009. The level of the provision for loan losses recognized was 117.7% of net loan charge offs in the third quarter 2010, 108.6% of net loan charge-offs in the second quarter 2010 and 108.2% in the third quarter 2009. Loan charge-offs during the third quarter 2010 were largely influenced by the credit performance of the Company's land development, construction and commercial real estate portfolio. These charge-offs reflect management's continuing efforts to align the carrying value of these assets with the value of underlying collateral based upon more aggressive disposition strategies and recognizing falling property values. Because these loans are collateralized by real



estate, losses occur more frequently when property values are declining and borrowers are losing equity in the underlying collateral. Management believes we are recognizing losses in our portfolio through provisions and charge-offs as credit developments warrant.

Management continues to diligently monitor the loan portfolio, paying particular attention to borrowers with land development, residential and commercial real estate, and commercial development exposures. Many of these relationships continued to show duress due to the ongoing economic downturn being experienced for this industry that existed throughout the third quarter 2010 and is projected to continue through the remainder of the year. Should the economic climate deteriorate from current levels, more borrowers may experience repayment difficulty, and the level of nonperforming loans, charge-offs and delinquencies will rise requiring further increases in the provision for loan losses.

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### Liquidity

The Company continues to remain in a liquid position by reducing reliance on wholesale funding sources and a reduction in the loan portfolio, net of gross charge-offs and transfers to OREO. Also contributing was an increase in liquid assets, including excess reserves on deposit at the Federal Reserve Bank and unencumbered securities. Total deposits equaled \$958.0 million, representing decreases of \$35.3 million, or 3.6%, from June 30, 2010 and \$96.7 million, or 9.2%, from year-end 2009. During the quarter, in-market deposits decreased \$35.4 million or 3.8%, primarily as the result of a decrease in balances in core deposits and certificates of deposit. Wholesale funding (brokered deposits and FHLB advances) increased \$5.1 million or 4.0%, as additional borrowing from the FHLB was required.

The Company manages its liquidity position with the objective of maintaining sufficient funds to respond to the needs of depositors and borrowers and to take advantage of earnings enhancement opportunities. In addition to the normal inflow of funds from core-deposit growth together with repayments and maturities of loans and investments, the Company utilizes other short-term funding sources such as brokered time deposits, securities sold under agreements to repurchase, overnight federal funds purchased from correspondent banks and the acceptance of short-term deposits from public entities.

The Company can borrow from the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago's discount window to meet short-term liquidity requirements. These borrowings are secured by commercial loans. At September 30, 2010, the Company maintained borrowing capacity of \$59.4 million from the Federal Reserve Bank discount window.

The Company is also a member of the Federal Home Loan Bank-Chicago (FHLB) and as such has advances from FHLB secured generally by residential mortgage loans with a remaining borrowing capacity of \$20.0 million.

The Company monitors and manages its liquidity position on several bases, which vary depending upon the time period. As the time period is expanded, other data is factored in, including estimated loan funding requirements, estimated loan payoffs, investment portfolio maturities or calls and anticipated depository buildups or runoffs.

The Company classifies all of its securities as available-for-sale, thereby maintaining significant liquidity. The Company's liquidity position is further enhanced by structuring its loan portfolio interest payments as monthly and by the significant representation of retail credit and residential mortgage loans in the Company's loan portfolio, resulting in a steady stream of loan repayments. In managing its investment portfolio, the Company provides for staggered maturities so that cash flows are provided as such investments mature.

The Company's cash flows are comprised of three classifications: cash flows from operating activities, cash flows from investing activities and cash flows from financing activities. Cash flows provided by operating activities and investing activities offset by those used in financing activities, resulted in a net decrease in cash and cash equivalents of \$12.5 million from December 31, 2009 to September 30, 2010.

During the third quarter of 2010, the Company experienced net cash inflows of \$61.2 million in investing activities due to maturities and sales on securities along with a reduction in loans and \$13.2 million in operating activities. In contrast, net cash outflows of \$86.9 million were used in financing activities largely due to the repayment on funding, primarily decreases in deposits.

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## Contractual Obligations, Commitments, Contingencies, and Off-Balance Sheet Financial Instruments

The Company has entered into contractual obligations and commitments and off-balance sheet financial instruments. The following tables summarize the Company's contractual cash obligations and other commitments and off balance sheet instruments as of September 30, 2010.

	Payments Due by Period				Total
	Within 1 Year	1 – 3 Years	4 – 5 Years	After 5 Years	
<b>Contractual Obligations</b>					
Short-term debt	\$—	\$—	\$250	\$—	\$250
Long-term debt	178	283	10,000	—	10,461
Certificates of deposit	393,342	114,986	22,077	93	530,498
Operating leases	314	647	653	326	1,940
Severance payments	80	—	—	—	80
Series B mandatory redeemable preferred stock	—	268	—	—	268
Subordinated debentures	—	—	—	20,620	20,620
FHLB advances	33,000	28,000	15,060	5,000	81,060
<b>Total contractual cash obligations</b>	<b>\$426,914</b>	<b>\$144,184</b>	<b>\$48,040</b>	<b>\$26,039</b>	<b>\$645,177</b>

	Amount of Commitment Expiration Per Period				Total
	Within 1 Year	1 – 3 Years	4 – 5 Years	After 5 Years	
<b>Off-Balance Sheet Financial Instruments</b>					
Lines of credit	\$74,615	\$976	\$2,481	\$25,149	\$103,221
Standby letters of credit	5,641	—	40	—	5,681
<b>Total contractual cash obligations</b>	<b>\$80,256</b>	<b>\$976</b>	<b>\$2,521</b>	<b>\$25,149</b>	<b>\$108,902</b>

## Capital Resources

## Stockholders' Equity

Stockholders' equity at September 30, 2010 was \$85.0 million, a decrease of \$27.6 or 24.5%, from \$112.6 million at December 31, 2009. The change in stockholders' equity was largely related to the operating loss incurred during the first nine months of 2010. Book value per common share equaled \$8.97 at September 30, 2010 compared to \$13.15 at December 31, 2009. Tangible book value per common share equaled \$5.26 at September 30, 2010 compared to \$9.27 at December 31, 2009.

## Stock Repurchase

Restrictions set forth in the U.S. Treasury CPP program prohibit the Company from repurchasing its common stock until the CPP proceeds are paid back.

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## Capital Measurements

As reflected in the following table, all regulatory ratios to be considered "well-capitalized" at the Company and Bank were exceeded as of September 30, 2010:

	Company		Bank		Well-Capitalized Thresholds	Minimum Thresholds
	Sep 30, 2010	Dec 31, 2009	Sep 30, 2010	Dec 31, 2009		
<b>Carrying amounts</b>						
(\$millions):						
Total risk-based capital	\$86,800	\$114,900	\$87,400	\$111,200		
Tier 1 risk-based capital	\$67,700	\$91,900	\$76,500	\$98,300		
Tangible common equity	\$29,400	\$56,000	\$91,800	\$112,600		
<b>Capital ratios:</b>						
Total risk-based capital	10.20	% 11.34	% 10.42	% 11.13	% 10.0	% 8.0
Tier 1 risk-based capital	7.96	% 9.07	% 9.12	% 9.85	% 6.0	% 4.0
Tier 1 leverage ratio	5.75	% 7.10	% 6.52	% 7.60	% 5.0	% 4.0
Tangible common equity	2.54	% 4.35	% 7.96	% 8.78	% NA	NA

Total capital and corresponding capital ratios decreased during the third quarter 2010 due to net operating losses and a \$13.8 million deduction to tier 1 capital related to the Company's deferred tax assets. Based upon a regulatory accounting calculation standard that is not directly applicable under generally accepted accounting principles, the \$13.8 million deferred tax asset deduction to tier 1 capital represents decreases of 162 basis points in the total risk-based and tier 1 risk-based capital ratios and 117 basis points in the leverage ratio.

## Recent Accounting Developments

See Note 12 to the Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements for information concerning recent accounting developments.

## Safe Harbor Statement Under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995

This report contains certain forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Act of 1934 as amended. The Company intends such forward-looking statements to be covered by the safe harbor provisions for forward-looking statements contained in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and is including this statement for purposes of these safe harbor provisions. Forward-looking statements, which are based on certain assumptions and describe future plans, strategies, and expectations of the Company, are generally identified by the use of words such as "believe," "expect," "intend," "anticipate," "estimate," "project," "planned" or "potential" or similar expressions.

In connection with the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, the Company is hereby identifying important factors that could effect the Company's financial performance and could cause the Company's actual results for future periods to differ materially from any opinions or statements expressed with respect to future periods in any forward-looking statements.

Among the factors that could have an impact on the Company's ability to achieve operating results and the growth plan goals are as follows:

- management's ability to reduce and effectively manage interest rate risk and the impact of interest rates in general on the volatility of the Company's net interest income;
- fluctuations in the value of the Company's investment securities;
- the Company's ability to ultimately collect on any downgraded loan relationships;
- the Company's ability to respond and adapt to economic conditions in our geographic market;

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the Company's ability to adapt successfully to technological changes to compete effectively in the marketplace;

credit risks and risks from concentrations (by geographic area and by industry) within the Company's loan portfolio and individual large loans;

volatility of rate sensitive deposits;

operational risks, including data processing system failures or fraud;

asset/liability matching risks and liquidity risks;

the ability to successfully acquire low cost deposits or funding;

the ability to successfully execute strategies to increase noninterest income;

the ability to successfully grow non-commercial real estate loans;

the ability of the Company to continue to realize cost savings and revenue generation opportunities in connection with the synergies of centralizing operations;

the ability to adopt and implement new regulatory requirements as dictated by Congress, the SEC, FASB or other rule-making bodies which govern our industry;

changes in the general economic or industry conditions, nationally or in the communities in which the Company conducts business;

fluctuation in the valuation of the Company and its impact on goodwill;

the Company's ability to raise additional capital, if available, to sustain growth or operating results;

the Company's ability to dispose of other real estate owned ("OREO") at reasonable values in a market that is very volatile;

the Company might not be able to realize the benefit of its deferred tax assets.



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## Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

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## Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

## Interest Rate Sensitivity Management

The Company performs a net interest income analysis as part of its asset/liability management practices. The net interest income analysis measures the change in net interest income in the event of hypothetical changes in interest rates. This analysis assesses the risk of changes in net interest income in the event of a sudden and sustained 50, 100, 200 and 300 basis point increase in market interest rates or a 50 basis point decrease in market rates. The interest rates scenarios are used for analytical purposes and do not necessarily represent management's view of future market movements. The tables below present the Company's projected changes in net interest income for the various rate shock levels at September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, respectively:

	Change in Net Interest Income Over One Year Horizon			
	September 30, 2010		December 31, 2009	
	Change		Change	
	\$	%	\$	%
+300 bp	\$ (766 )	(2.27 )%	\$ 224	0.61 %
+200 bp	(1,833 )	(5.43 )	(1,261 )	(3.42 )
+100 bp	(1,306 )	(3.87 )	(962 )	(2.61 )
+ 50 bp	(633 )	(1.87 )	(462 )	(1.25 )
Base	—	—	—	—
- 50 bp	415	1.23	1,338	3.63

As shown above, the Company's model at September 30, 2010, the effect of an immediate 200 basis point increase in interest rates would decrease the Company's net interest income by \$1.8 million or 5.43%. The effect of an immediate 50 basis point decrease in rates would increase the Company's net interest income by \$0.4 million or 1.23%. Rate increases over 200 basis points have a lesser negative impact than a 200 point increase. At about a 400 point increase, the impact to the Company's net interest income is positive again.

For the Company's credit agreements with its commercial customers, management instituted new underwriting standards that incorporated interest rate floors into the terms for many of its commercial relationships in the past seven quarters to maximize the net interest margin during the time when market interest rates are at extremely low levels. While these floors have held income to a higher level in this low rate environment, they will also make it necessary for rates to climb to somewhat higher levels before the yield of the adjustable rate assets move above the floors and add significantly to interest income. Management has begun positioning the liability side of the balance sheet as we have extended our funding out over the three and five year terms. Due to liquidity needs, the investment portfolio has been used to ensure that funding is available which has impacted our rate sensitivity. The Company continues to take advantage of the lower funding costs in reaction to FOMC rate reductions.

Computations of the prospective effects of hypothetical interest rate changes are based on numerous assumptions, including relative levels of market interest rates, loan prepayments and deposit decay rates and should not be relied upon as indicative of actual results. Actual values may differ from those projections set forth above, should market

conditions vary from the assumptions used in preparing the analysis. Further, the computations do not contemplate actions the Company may undertake in response to changes in interest rates.

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Item 4. Controls and Procedures

As of the end of the period covered by this report, the Company carried out an evaluation under the supervision and with the participation of the Company's management, including the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended). Based on this evaluation, the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective in timely alerting them to material information relating to the Company required to be included in the Company's periodic filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. It should be noted that in designing and evaluating the disclosure controls and procedures, management recognized that any controls and procedures, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable assurance of achieving the desired control objectives, and management necessarily was required to apply its judgment in evaluating the cost-benefit relationship of possible controls and procedures. The Company has designed its disclosure controls and procedures to reach a level of reasonable assurance of achieving the desired control objectives and, based on the evaluation described above, the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective at reaching that level of reasonable assurance.

There was no change in the Company's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended) during the Company's most recently completed fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

PART II - OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

In the normal course of business the Company may be involved in various legal proceedings from time to time. The Company does not believe it is currently involved in any claim or action the ultimate disposition of which would have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial statements.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

The Company did not experience any material changes in the Risk Factors during the Company's most recently completed fiscal quarter. For specific information about the risks facing the Company refer to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009.

Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds

None.

Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities

None.

Item 4. [Reserved]

Item 5. Other Information

None.

Item 6. Exhibits

Exhibits:

31.1 Certification of Thomas A. Daiber, President and Principal Executive Officer, required by Rule 13a – 14(a).

31.2 Certification of Kurt R. Stevenson, Senior Executive Vice President and Principal Financial and Accounting Officer required by Rule 13a – 14(a).

32.1(1) Certification Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, from the Company's President and Principal Executive Officer.

32.2(1) Certification Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, from the Company's Senior Executive Vice President and Principal Financial and Accounting Officer.

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This certification is not "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

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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.

CENTRUE FINANCIAL CORPORATION

Date: November 15, 2010

By: /s/ Thomas A. Daiber  
Thomas A. Daiber  
President and Principal Executive  
Officer

Date: November 15, 2010

By: /s/ Kurt R. Stevenson  
Kurt R. Stevenson  
Senior Executive Vice President and  
Principal Financial and Accounting  
Officer

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