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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

**FORM 10-Q**

(Mark One)

**QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2012**

**OR**

**TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_**

**Commission file number 001-12669**

## SCBT FINANCIAL CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**South Carolina**  
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

**57-0799315**  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**520 Gervais Street**  
**Columbia, South Carolina**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**29201**  
(Zip Code)

**(800) 277-2175**

(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 website, if any, every Interactive Data file required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (Section 232.405 of this chapter) 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.

Large Accelerated Filer

Accelerated Filer

Non-Accelerated Filer

Smaller Reporting Company

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 issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date:

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**Class**  
Common Stock, \$2.50 par value

**Outstanding as of April 30, 2012**  
15,071,898

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	March 31, 2012 (Unaudited)	December 31, 2011 (Note 1)	March 31, 2011 (Unaudited)
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents:			
Cash and due from banks	\$ 329,942	\$ 129,729	\$ 129,293
Interest-bearing deposits with banks	1,870	1,822	1,325
Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell	71,410	39,874	282,006
Total cash and cash equivalents	403,222	171,425	412,624
Investment securities:			
Securities held to maturity (fair value of \$17,664, \$17,864, and \$20,189, respectively)	16,568	16,569	19,730
Securities available for sale, at fair value	322,588	289,195	189,654
Other investments	18,292	18,292	23,823
Total investment securities	357,448	324,056	233,207
Loans held for sale	34,706	45,809	10,755
Loans:			
Acquired	369,144	402,201	417,894
Less allowance for acquired loan losses	(34,355)	(31,620)	(25,833)
Non-acquired	2,437,314	2,470,565	2,348,309
Less allowance for non-acquired loan losses	(47,607)	(49,367)	(48,164)
Loans, net	2,724,496	2,791,779	2,692,206
FDIC receivable for loss share agreements	231,331	262,651	303,795
Other real estate owned (covered of \$61,788, \$65,849, and \$77,286, respectively; and non-covered of \$21,381, \$18,022, and \$19,816, respectively)	83,169	83,871	97,102
Premises and equipment, net	93,209	94,250	87,326
Goodwill	62,888	62,888	62,888
Other assets	55,874	59,828	62,963
Total assets	\$ 4,046,343	\$ 3,896,557	\$ 3,962,866
<b>LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY</b>			
Deposits:			
Noninterest-bearing	\$ 757,777	\$ 658,454	\$ 606,135
Interest-bearing	2,598,860	2,596,018	2,713,415
Total deposits	3,356,637	3,254,472	3,319,550
Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase	235,412	180,436	206,560
Other borrowings	46,397	46,683	46,587
Other liabilities	21,390	33,186	24,119
Total liabilities	3,659,836	3,514,777	3,596,816

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Shareholders' equity:

Preferred stock - \$.01 par value; authorized 10,000,000 shares; no shares issued and outstanding

Common stock - \$2.50 par value; authorized 40,000,000 shares;

14,052,177, 14,039,422, and 13,958,824 shares issued and outstanding

	<b>35,130</b>	35,099	34,897
Surplus	<b>233,422</b>	233,232	230,826
Retained earnings	<b>120,837</b>	116,198	103,262
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	<b>(2,882)</b>	(2,749)	(2,935)
Total shareholders' equity	<b>386,507</b>	381,780	366,050
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	<b>\$ 4,046,343</b>	\$ 3,896,557	\$ 3,962,866

The Accompanying Notes are an Integral Part of the Financial Statements.

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**SCBT Financial Corporation and Subsidiary**  
**Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income (unaudited)**

*(Dollars in thousands, except per share data)*

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2012	2011
<b>Interest income:</b>		
Loans, including fees	\$ 39,777	\$ 36,828
Investment securities:		
Taxable	2,036	1,858
Tax-exempt	195	216
Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell	212	353
Total interest income	42,220	39,255
<b>Interest expense:</b>		
Deposits	2,494	5,717
Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase	126	160
Other borrowings	562	532
Total interest expense	3,182	6,409
Net interest income	39,038	32,846
Provision for loan losses	2,723	10,641
Net interest income after provision for loan losses	36,315	22,205
<b>Noninterest income:</b>		
Service charges on deposit accounts	5,447	5,030
Bankcard services income	3,320	2,659
Mortgage banking income	1,830	863
Trust and investment services income	1,397	1,249
Gains on acquisitions		5,528
Securities gains		323
Amortization of FDIC indemnification assets, net	(3,233)	(401)
Other	712	622
Total noninterest income	9,473	15,873
<b>Noninterest expense:</b>		
Salaries and employee benefits	18,048	16,646
OREO expense and loan related	2,716	2,517
Information services expense	2,468	2,341
Net occupancy expense	2,248	2,576
Furniture and equipment expense	2,239	1,957
Merger-related expense	96	609
FDIC assessment and other regulatory charges	1,037	1,479
Advertising and marketing	757	909
Amortization of intangibles	500	446
Professional fees	633	449
Other	4,477	4,295
Total noninterest expense	35,219	34,224
<b>Earnings:</b>		
Income before provision for income taxes	10,569	3,854
Provision for income taxes	3,541	1,338
<b>Net income</b>	<b>\$ 7,028</b>	<b>\$ 2,516</b>
<b>Earnings per common share:</b>		
Basic	\$ 0.51	\$ 0.19
Diluted	\$ 0.50	\$ 0.19



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Dividends per common share	\$	0.17	\$	0.17
<b>Weighted-average common shares outstanding:</b>				
Basic		13,883		13,185
Diluted		13,951		13,273

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	<b>Three Months Ended March 31,</b>	
	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>
Net income	\$ 7,028	\$ 2,516
Other comprehensive income (loss):		
Unrealized gains (losses) on securities:		
Unrealized holding gains (losses) arising during period	(326)	1,526
Tax effect	124	(538)
Reclassification adjustment for gains included in net income		(323)
Tax effect		112
Net of tax amount	(202)	777
Unrealized gains (losses) on derivative financial instruments qualifying as cash flow hedges:		
Unrealized holding gains arising during period	41	50
Tax effect	(19)	(19)
Reclassification adjustment for losses included in interest expense	71	75
Tax effect	(24)	(26)
Net of tax amount	69	80
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax	(133)	857
Comprehensive income	\$ 6,895	\$ 3,373

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	Preferred Stock		Common Stock		Surplus	Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	Total
	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount				
Balance, December 31, 2010		\$	12,793,823	\$ 31,985	\$ 198,647	\$ 103,117	\$ (3,792)	\$ 329,957
Comprehensive income (loss):								
Net income						2,516		2,516
Other comprehensive income, net of tax							857	857
Total comprehensive income								3,373
Cash dividends declared at \$.17 per share						(2,371)		(2,371)
Stock options exercised			3,050	8	62			70
Restricted stock awards			37,106	92	(92)			
Common stock repurchased			(4,187)	(10)	(127)			(137)
Share-based compensation expense					474			474
Common stock issued in private placement offering			1,129,032	2,822	31,862			34,684
Balance, March 31, 2011		\$	13,958,824	\$ 34,897	\$ 230,826	\$ 103,262	\$ (2,935)	\$ 366,050
Balance, December 31, 2011		\$	14,039,422	\$ 35,099	\$ 233,232	\$ 116,198	\$ (2,749)	\$ 381,780
Comprehensive income (loss):								
Net income						7,028		7,028
Other comprehensive loss, net of tax							(133)	(133)
Total comprehensive income								6,895
Cash dividends declared at \$.17 per share						(2,389)		(2,389)
Stock options exercised			606	1	11			12
Restricted stock awards			19,314	48	(48)			

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Common stock repurchased		(7,165)		(18)		(201)				(219)
Share-based compensation expense						428				428
Balance, March 31, 2012	\$	14,052,177	\$	35,130	\$	233,422	\$	120,837	\$	(2,882) \$ 386,507

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## Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (unaudited)

*(Dollars in thousands)*

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2012	2011
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income	\$ 7,028	\$ 2,516
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	2,754	2,481
Provision for loan losses	2,723	10,641
Deferred income taxes	110	937
Gain on sale of securities		(323)
Gains on acquisitions		(5,528)
Share-based compensation expense	428	474
Loss on disposal of premises and equipment	1	31
Amortization of FDIC indemnification asset	3,233	401
Accretion on acquired loans	(9,110)	1,604
Net amortization of investment securities	572	398
Net change in:		
Loans held for sale	11,103	31,949
Accrued interest receivable	2,274	726
Prepaid assets	546	844
FDIC loss share receivable	28,088	(4,675)
Accrued interest payable	(566)	(1,848)
Accrued income taxes	(1,268)	374
Miscellaneous assets and liabilities	(7,653)	3,225
Net cash provided by operating activities	40,263	44,227
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Proceeds from sales of investment securities available for sale		52,092
Proceeds from maturities and calls of investment securities held to maturity		210
Proceeds from maturities and calls of investment securities available for sale	16,066	18,859
Purchases of investment securities available for sale	(50,357)	(3,744)
Purchases of other investment securities		(630)
Net (increase) decrease in customer loans	73,671	(7,174)
Net cash received from acquisition		91,281
Purchases of premises and equipment	(2,114)	(1,969)
Proceeds from sale of premises and equipment	10	
Net cash provided by investing activities	37,276	148,925
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Net increase (decrease) in deposits	102,164	(25,247)
Net increase in federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase and other short-term borrowings	54,976	13,712
Repayment of FHLB advances and other borrowings	(286)	(38,338)
Common stock issuance		34,684
Common stock repurchased	(219)	(137)
Dividends paid on common stock	(2,389)	(2,371)
Stock options exercised	12	70
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	154,258	(17,627)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	231,797	175,525
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	171,425	237,099

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Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$	403,222	\$	412,624
<b>Supplemental Disclosures:</b>				
Cash paid for:				
Interest	\$	3,749	\$	7,281
Income taxes	\$	4,799	\$	
Noncash investing activities:				
Transfers of loans to foreclosed properties (covered of \$14,491 and \$1,365, respectively; and non-covered of \$7,858 and \$7,867, respectively)	\$	22,349	\$	9,232

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**Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited)**

**Note 1 Basis of Presentation**

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States for interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and disclosures required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring accruals) considered necessary for a fair presentation have been included. Certain prior period information has been reclassified to conform to the current period presentation, and these reclassifications had no impact on net income or equity as previously reported. Operating results for the three months ended March 31, 2012 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ending December 31, 2012.

The condensed consolidated balance sheet at December 31, 2011 has been derived from the audited financial statements at that date but does not include all of the information and disclosures required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States for complete financial statements.

**Note 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

The information contained in the consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes included in SCBT Financial Corporation's (the Company or SCBT) Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) on March 9, 2012, should be referenced when reading these unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

***Business Combinations, Method of Accounting for Loans Acquired, and FDIC Indemnification Asset***

The Company accounts for its acquisitions under Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) Topic 805, *Business Combinations*, which requires the use of the acquisition method of accounting. All identifiable assets acquired, including loans, are recorded at fair value. No allowance for loan losses related to the acquired loans is recorded on the acquisition date because the fair value of the loans acquired incorporates assumptions regarding credit risk. Loans acquired are recorded at fair value in accordance with the fair value methodology prescribed in FASB ASC Topic 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*, exclusive of the loss share agreements with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (the FDIC). The fair value estimates associated with the loans include estimates related to expected prepayments and the amount and timing of expected principal, interest and other cash flows.

Acquired credit-impaired loans are accounted for under the accounting guidance for loans and debt securities acquired with deteriorated credit quality, found in FASB ASC Topic 310-30, *Receivables - Loans and Debt Securities Acquired with Deteriorated Credit Quality*, formerly American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) Statement of Position (SOP) 03-3, *Accounting for Certain Loans or Debt Securities*

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*Acquired in a Transfer*, and initially measured at fair value, which includes estimated future credit losses expected to be incurred over the life of the loans. Loans acquired in business combinations with evidence of credit deterioration since origination and for which it is probable that all contractually required payments will not be collected are considered to be credit impaired. Evidence of credit quality deterioration as of purchase dates may include information such as past-due and nonaccrual status, borrower credit scores and recent loan to value percentages. The Company considers expected prepayments and estimates the amount and timing of expected principal, interest and other cash flows for each loan or pool of loans meeting the criteria above, and determines the excess of the loan's scheduled contractual principal and contractual interest payments over all cash flows expected to be collected at acquisition as an amount that should not be accreted (nonaccretable difference). The remaining amount, representing the excess of the loan's or pool's cash flows expected to be collected over the fair value for the loan or pool of loans, is accreted into interest income over the remaining life of the loan or pool (accretable yield). In accordance with FASB ASC Topic 310-30, the Company aggregated acquired loans that have common risk characteristics into pools within the following loan categories: commercial loans greater than or equal to \$1 million CBT, commercial real estate, commercial real estate construction and development, residential real estate, residential real estate junior lien, home equity, consumer, commercial and industrial, and single pay. Single pay loans consist of those instruments for which repayment of principal and interest is expected at maturity.

Loans acquired through business combinations that do not meet the specific criteria of FASB ASC Topic 310-30, but for which a discount is attributable at least in part to credit quality, are also accounted for under this guidance. As a result, related discounts are recognized subsequently through accretion based on the expected cash flow of the acquired loans.



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**Note 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)**

Subsequent to the acquisition date, increases in cash flows expected to be received in excess of the Company's initial estimates are reclassified from nonaccretable difference to accretable yield and are accreted into interest income on a level-yield basis over the remaining life of the loan. Decreases in cash flows expected to be collected are recognized as impairment through the provision for loan losses. For acquired loans subject to a loss sharing agreement with the FDIC, the FDIC indemnification asset will be adjusted prospectively in a similar, consistent manner with increases and decreases in expected cash flows.

The FDIC indemnification asset is measured separately from the related covered asset as it is not contractually embedded in the assets and is not transferable with the assets should the Company choose to dispose of them. Fair value was estimated at the acquisition date using projected cash flows related to the loss sharing agreements based on the expected reimbursements for losses and the applicable loss sharing percentages. These expected reimbursements do not include reimbursable amounts related to future covered expenditures. These cash flows were discounted to reflect the uncertainty of the timing and receipt of the loss sharing reimbursement from the FDIC. The Company will offset any recorded provision for loan losses related to acquired loans by recording an increase in the FDIC indemnification asset by the increase in expected cash flow, which is the result of a decrease in expected cash flow of acquired loans. An increase in cash flows on acquired loans results in a decrease in cash flows on the FDIC indemnification asset, which is recognized in the future as negative accretion through non-interest income.

The Company incurs expenses related to the assets indemnified by the FDIC and pursuant to the loss share agreement, certain costs are reimbursable by the FDIC and are included in monthly and quarterly claims made by the Company. The estimates of reimbursements are netted against these covered expenses in the income statement.

Pursuant to an AICPA letter dated December 18, 2009, the AICPA summarized the view of the SEC regarding the accounting in subsequent periods for discount accretion associated with loan receivables acquired in a business combination or asset purchase. Regarding the accounting for such loan receivables, that in the absence of further standard setting, the AICPA understands that the SEC would not object to an accounting policy based on contractual cash flows (FASB ASC Topic 310-20 approach) or an accounting policy based on expected cash flows (FASB ASC Topic 310-30 approach). Management believes the approach using expected cash flows is a more appropriate option to follow in accounting for the fair value discount.

**Note 3 Recent Accounting and Regulatory Pronouncements**

In May 2011, the FASB issued ASU No. 2011-04, *Amendments to Achieve Common Fair Value Measurement and Disclosure Requirements in U.S. GAAP and IFRS* (ASU 2011-04). ASU 2011-04 results in common fair value measurement and disclosure requirements in U.S. GAAP and IFRSs. ASU 2011-04 became effective for the Company on January 1, 2012 and, aside from new disclosures included in Note 14 Fair Value, did not have a significant impact on the Company's financial statements.

In June 2011, the FASB issued ASU No. 2011-05, *Comprehensive Income (Topic 220): Presentation of Comprehensive Income* (ASU 2011-05). ASU 2011-05 requires an entity to present the total of comprehensive income, the components of net income and the components of other comprehensive income either in a single continuous statement of comprehensive income or in two separate but consecutive statements. ASU 2011-05 eliminates the option to present the components of other comprehensive income as part of the statement of equity. Except as

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deferred in ASU 2011-12, *Comprehensive Income (Topic 220): Deferral of the Effective Date for Amendments to Presentation of Reclassifications of Items Out of Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income in Accounting Standards Update No. 2011-05* ( ASU 2011-12 ), ASU 2011-05 became effective for the Company on January 1, 2012. In connection with the application of ASU 2011-05, the Company's financial statements now include separate statements of comprehensive income. In December 2011, the FASB issued ASU 2011-12. ASU 2011-12 defers changes in ASU No. 2011-05 that relate to the presentation of reclassification adjustments to allow the FASB time to re-deliberate whether to require presentation of such adjustments on the face of the financial statements to show the effects of reclassifications out of accumulated other comprehensive income on the components of net income and other comprehensive income. ASU 2011-12 allows entities to continue to report reclassifications out of accumulated other comprehensive income consistent with the presentation requirements in effect before ASU No. 2011-05. All other requirements in ASU No. 2011-05 are not affected by ASU No. 2011-12. ASU 2011-12 became effective for the Company on January 1, 2012 and did not have a significant impact on the Company's financial statements.

In September 2011, the FASB issued ASU No. 2011-08, *Intangibles - Goodwill and Other* (Topic 350) ( ASU 2011-08 ). ASU 2011-08 allows companies to waive comparing the fair value of a reporting unit to its carrying amount in assessing the recoverability of goodwill if, based on qualitative factors, it is not more likely than not that the fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying amount. ASU 2011-08 became effective for the Company on January 1, 2012 and did not have a significant impact on the Company's financial statements.

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**Note 3 Recent Accounting and Regulatory Pronouncements (Continued)**

In December 2011, the FASB issued ASU No. 2011-11, *Balance Sheet (Topic 210) Disclosures about Offsetting Assets and Liabilities* ( ASU 2011-11 ). ASU 2011-11 amends Topic 210 to require an entity to disclose both gross and net information about financial instruments, such as sales and repurchase agreements and reverse sale and repurchase agreements and securities borrowing/lending arrangements, and derivative instruments that are eligible for offset in the statement of financial position and/or subject to a master netting arrangement or similar agreement. ASU 2011-11 is effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning on or after January 1, 2013 and is not expected to have a significant impact on the Company's financial statements.

**Note 4 Mergers and Acquisitions**

Generally, acquisitions are accounted for under the acquisition method of accounting in accordance with FASB ASC 805, *Business Combinations*. Both the purchased assets and liabilities assumed are recorded at their respective acquisition date fair values. Determining the fair value of assets and liabilities, especially the loan portfolio and foreclosed real estate, is a complicated process involving significant judgment regarding methods and assumptions used to calculate estimated fair values. Fair values are preliminary and subject to refinement for up to one year after the closing date of the acquisition as additional information regarding the closing date fair values becomes available.

*Peoples Bancorporation Merger*

On April 24, 2012, the Company completed the previously announced merger with Peoples Bancorporation, Inc. ( Peoples ), of Easley, South Carolina, the bank holding company for The Peoples National Bank ( PNB ), Bank of Anderson ( BOA ), and Seneca National Bank ( SNB ). See Note 17 Subsequent Events for additional information on the Peoples merger.

*BankMeridian Acquisition*

On July 29, 2011, SCBT, N.A. (the Bank ), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, entered into a purchase and assumption ( P&A ) agreement with loss share arrangements with the FDIC to purchase certain assets and assume substantially all of the deposits and certain liabilities of BankMeridian, N.A., a full service community bank headquartered in Columbia, South Carolina. BankMeridian operated three branches in total in Columbia, Spartanburg, and Hilton Head, South Carolina.

Pursuant to the P&A agreement, the Bank received a discount of \$30.8 million on the assets acquired and did not pay the FDIC a premium to assume all customer deposits. Most of the loans and foreclosed real estate purchased are covered by a loss share agreement between the FDIC and the Bank. Under this loss share agreement, the FDIC has agreed to cover 80% of loan and foreclosed real estate losses. Gains and recoveries on covered assets will offset losses, or be paid to the FDIC, at the applicable loss share percentage at the time of recovery. The loss sharing agreement applicable to single family assets (loans and OREO) provides for FDIC loss sharing and Bank reimbursement to the FDIC for ten years. The loss share agreement applicable to commercial assets (loans and OREO) provides for FDIC loss sharing for five years and Bank reimbursement to the FDIC for eight years. As of the date of acquisition, we calculated the amount of such reimbursements that we expect to

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receive from the FDIC using the present value of anticipated cash flows from the covered assets based on the credit adjustments estimated for each pool of loans and the estimated losses on foreclosed assets. In accordance with FASB ASC Topic 805, the FDIC indemnification asset was initially recorded at its fair value, and is measured separately from the loan assets and foreclosed assets because the loss sharing agreements are not contractually embedded in them or transferable with them in the event of disposal. The balance of the FDIC indemnification asset increases and decreases as the expected and actual cash flows from the covered assets fluctuate, as loans are paid off or impaired and as loans and foreclosed assets are sold. There are no contractual interest rates on this contractual receivable from the FDIC; however, a discount was recorded against the initial balance of the FDIC indemnification asset in conjunction with the fair value measurement as this receivable will be collected over the term of the loss sharing agreement. This discount will be accreted to non-interest income over future periods.

Table of Contents**Note 4 Mergers and Acquisition(Continued)**

As of March 31, 2012, there have been no adjustments or changes to the initial fair values related to the BankMeridian acquisition. The purchase accounting adjustments and the loss sharing arrangement with the FDIC significantly impact the effects of the acquired entity on the ongoing operations of the Company. Additionally, disclosure of pro forma financial information is made difficult by the troubled nature of BankMeridian prior to the date of the combination. Accordingly, no pro forma financial information has been presented.

During the third quarter of 2011, noninterest income included a pre-tax gain of \$11.0 million which resulted from the acquisition of BankMeridian. The amount of the gain was equal to the amount by which the fair value of assets acquired exceeded the fair value of liabilities assumed, and resulted from the discount bid on the assets acquired and the impact of the FDIC loss share agreement, both of which are attributable to the troubled nature of BankMeridian prior to the acquisition. The Company recognized \$776,000 in merger-related expense from the BankMeridian acquisition during the year ended December 31, 2011. The Company

Included in the initial fair value of the FDIC indemnification asset recognized below is an expected true up with the FDIC, where there is an estimated payment to the FDIC of approximately \$1.0 million at the end of the loss share agreement (in ten years). The actual payment will be determined at the end of the loss sharing agreement term and is based on the negative bid, expected losses, intrinsic loss estimate, and assets covered under loss share. This true up estimate will be eliminated if the actual losses were to exceed management's current estimate by an additional \$7.6 million.

The following table presents the assets acquired and liabilities assumed as of July 29, 2011, as recorded by BankMeridian on the acquisition date and as adjusted for purchase accounting adjustments.

(Dollars in thousands)	As Recorded by BankMeridian	Balances Kept by FDIC	Balances Acquired from FDIC	Fair Value Adjustments	As Recorded by SCBT
<b>Assets</b>					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 28,363	\$ 23	\$ 28,386	\$	\$ 28,386
Investment securities	35,671	(77)	35,594	(242)(a)	35,352
Loans	145,290	9,021	154,311	(59,330)(b)	94,981
Premises and equipment	1,320	(1,316)	4	15(c)	19
Intangible assets				551(d)	551
FDIC receivable for loss sharing agreement				50,753(e)	50,753
Other real estate owned and repossessed assets	13,932	669	14,601	(9,775)(f)	4,826
Other assets	1,126	492	1,618	(761)(g)	857
Total assets	\$ 225,702	\$ 8,812	\$ 234,514	\$ (18,789)	\$ 215,725
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Deposits:					
Noninterest-bearing	\$ 12,431	\$ (12)	\$ 12,419	\$	\$ 12,419
Interest-bearing	192,551	(4,609)	187,942	220(h)	188,162
Total deposits	204,982	(4,621)	200,361	220	200,581
Other borrowings	20,000		20,000	790(i)	20,790

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Other liabilities	1,016	(142)	874			874
Total liabilities	225,998	(4,763)	221,235	1,010		222,245
Net assets acquired over (under) liabilities assumed	\$ (296)	\$ 13,575	\$ 13,279	\$ (19,799)		\$ (6,520)
Excess of assets acquired over (under) liabilities assumed	\$ (296)	\$ 13,575	\$ 13,279			
Aggregate fair value adjustments				\$ (19,799)		
Cash received from the FDIC					\$	17,050
Cash due from FDIC						471
Total						17,521
Gain on acquisition (noninterest income), July 29, 2011					\$	11,001

Explanation of fair value adjustments

Adjustment reflects:

- (a) Adjustment reflects marking the available-for-sale portfolio to fair value as of the acquisition date.
- (b) Adjustment reflects the fair value adjustments based on the Company's evaluation of the acquired loan portfolio.
- (c) Adjustment reflects the fair value adjustments based on the Company's evaluation of the acquired premises and equipment.

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**Note 4 Mergers and Acquisition(Continued)**

- (d) Adjustment reflects the recording of the core deposit intangible on the acquired deposit accounts.
- (e) Adjustment reflects the estimated fair value of payments the Company will receive from the FDIC under the loss share agreements.
- (f) Adjustment reflects the fair value adjustments to OREO based on the Company's evaluation of the acquired OREO portfolio.
- (g) Adjustment reflects uncollectible portion of accrued interest receivable.
- (h) Adjustment arises since the rates on interest-bearing deposits are higher than rates available on similar deposits as of the acquisition date.
- (i) Adjustment reflects the prepayment fee paid when Federal Home Loan Bank ( FHLB ) advances were completely paid off in August 2011.

*Habersham Bank Acquisition*

On February 18, 2011, the Bank entered into a P&A agreement with loss share arrangements with the FDIC to purchase certain assets and assume substantially all of the deposits and certain liabilities of Habersham Bank ( Habersham ), a full service Georgia state-chartered community bank headquartered in Clarkesville, Georgia. Habersham operated eight branches in the northeast region of Georgia.

Pursuant to the P&A agreement, the Bank received a discount of \$38.3 million on the assets acquired and did not pay the FDIC a premium to assume all customer deposits. Most of the loans and foreclosed real estate purchased are covered by a loss share agreement between the FDIC and the Bank. Under this loss share agreement, the FDIC has agreed to cover 80% of loan and foreclosed real estate losses. Gains and recoveries on covered assets will offset losses, or be paid to the FDIC, at the applicable loss share percentage at the time of recovery. The loss sharing agreement applicable to single family assets (loans and OREO) provides for FDIC loss sharing and Bank reimbursement to the FDIC for ten years. The loss share agreement applicable to commercial assets (loans and OREO) provides for FDIC loss sharing for five years and Bank reimbursement to the FDIC for eight years. As of the date of acquisition, we calculated the amount of such reimbursements that we expect to receive from the FDIC using the present value of anticipated cash flows from the covered assets based on the credit adjustments estimated for each pool of loans and the estimated losses on foreclosed assets. In accordance with FASB ASC Topic 805, the FDIC indemnification asset was initially recorded at its fair value, and is measured separately from the loan assets and foreclosed assets because the loss sharing agreements are not contractually embedded in them or transferable with them in the event of disposal. The balance of the FDIC indemnification asset increases and decreases as the expected and actual cash flows from the covered assets fluctuate, as loans are paid off or impaired and as loans and foreclosed assets are sold. There are no contractual interest rates on this contractual receivable from the FDIC; however, a discount was recorded against the initial balance of the FDIC indemnification asset in conjunction with the fair value measurement as this receivable will be collected over the term of the loss sharing agreement. This discount will be accreted to non-interest income over future periods.

There have been no adjustments or changes to the initial fair values related to the Habersham acquisition within the one year time frame from the date of acquisition. The purchase accounting adjustments and the loss sharing arrangement with the FDIC significantly impact the effects of the acquired entity on the ongoing operations of the Company. Additionally, disclosure of pro forma financial information is made more difficult by the troubled nature of Habersham prior to the date of the combination. Accordingly, no pro forma financial information has been presented.

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For the first quarter of 2011, noninterest income included a pre-tax gain of \$5.5 million which resulted from the acquisition of Habersham. The amount of the gain was equal to the amount by which the fair value of assets acquired exceeded the fair value of liabilities assumed, and resulted from the discount bid on the assets acquired and the impact of the FDIC loss share agreement, both of which are attributable to the troubled nature of Habersham prior to the acquisition. The Company recognized \$2.6 million in merger-related expense related to the Habersham acquisition, including lease termination payments related to branch consolidations, during the year ended December 31, 2011.



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There is no expected true up included in the initial fair value of the FDIC indemnification asset recognized for this acquisition. This is the result of the amount of the negative bid, the expected losses, intrinsic loss estimate, and the assets covered under loss share. This true up estimate can result in a needed true up, if the expected losses were to decline by more than \$15.4 million.

The following table presents the assets acquired and liabilities assumed as of February 18, 2011, as recorded by Habersham on the acquisition date and as adjusted for purchase accounting adjustments.

(Dollars in thousands)	As Recorded by Habersham	Balances Kept by FDIC	Balances Acquired from FDIC	Fair Value Adjustments	As Recorded by SCBT
<b>Assets</b>					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 31,924	\$ (4)	\$ 31,920	\$	\$ 31,920
Investment securities	65,018	(3,582)	61,436	(566)(a)	60,870
Loans	212,828	9,039	221,867	(94,414)(b)	127,453
Premises and equipment	16,915	(16,915)			
Intangible assets				3,262(c)	3,262
FDIC receivable for loss sharing agreement				87,418(d)	87,418
Other real estate owned and repossessed assets	42,024	(616)	41,408	(26,915)(e)	14,493
Other assets	14,446	(11,227)	3,219		3,219
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 383,155</b>	<b>\$ (23,305)</b>	<b>\$ 359,850</b>	<b>\$ (31,215)</b>	<b>\$ 328,635</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Deposits:					
Noninterest-bearing	\$ 76,205	\$ (5)	\$ 76,200	\$	\$ 76,200
Interest-bearing	263,246		263,246	1,203(f)	264,449
<b>Total deposits</b>	<b>339,451</b>	<b>(5)</b>	<b>339,446</b>	<b>1,203</b>	<b>340,649</b>
Other borrowings	39,433	(6)	39,427	344(g)	39,771
Other liabilities	2,819	(1,710)	1,109		1,109
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>381,703</b>	<b>(1,721)</b>	<b>379,982</b>	<b>1,547</b>	<b>381,529</b>
Net assets acquired over (under) liabilities assumed	\$ 1,452	\$ (21,584)	\$ (20,132)	\$ (32,762)	\$ (52,894)
Excess of assets acquired over (under) liabilities assumed	\$ 1,452	\$ (21,584)	\$ (20,132)		
Aggregate fair value adjustments				\$ (32,762)	
Cash received from the FDIC					\$ 59,360
Cash due to FDIC					(938)
<b>Total</b>					<b>58,422</b>
Gain on acquisition (noninterest income), February 18, 2011					\$ 5,528

Explanation of fair value adjustments

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Adjustment reflects:

- (a) Adjustment reflects marking the available-for-sale portfolio to fair value as of the acquisition date.
- (b) Adjustment reflects the fair value adjustments based on the Company's evaluation of the acquired loan portfolio.
- (c) Adjustment reflects the recording of the core deposit intangible on the acquired deposit accounts.
- (d) Adjustment reflects the estimated fair value of payments the Company will receive from the FDIC under the loss share agreements.
- (e) Adjustment reflects the fair value adjustments to OREO based on the Company's evaluation of the acquired OREO portfolio.

Table of Contents**Note 4 Mergers and Acquisition(Continued)**

(f) Adjustment arises since the rates on interest-bearing deposits are higher than rates available on similar deposits as of the acquisition date.

(g) Adjustment reflects the prepayment fee paid when Federal Home Loan Bank ( FHLB ) advances were completely paid off in February 2011.

**Note 5 Investment Securities**

The following is the amortized cost and fair value of investment securities held to maturity:

(Dollars in thousands)	Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value
<b>March 31, 2012:</b>				
State and municipal obligations	\$ 16,568	\$ 1,096	\$	\$ 17,664
<b>December 31, 2011:</b>				
State and municipal obligations	\$ 16,569	\$ 1,295	\$	\$ 17,864
<b>March 31, 2011:</b>				
State and municipal obligations	\$ 19,730	\$ 459	\$	\$ 20,189

The following is the amortized cost and fair value of investment securities available for sale:

(Dollars in thousands)	Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value
<b>March 31, 2012:</b>				
Government-sponsored entities debt *	\$ 65,505	\$ 985	\$ (112)	\$ 66,378
State and municipal obligations	39,099	2,942	(33)	42,008
Mortgage-backed securities **	208,564	5,301	(56)	213,809
Corporate stocks	240	154	(1)	393
	\$ 313,408	\$ 9,382	\$ (202)	\$ 322,588
<b>December 31, 2011:</b>				
Government-sponsored entities debt *	\$ 48,464	\$ 1,142	\$ (3)	\$ 49,603
State and municipal obligations	40,780	3,208	(31)	43,957
Mortgage-backed securities **	190,204	5,111	(6)	195,309
Corporate stocks	241	85		326
	\$ 279,689	\$ 9,546	\$ (40)	\$ 289,195
<b>March 31, 2011:</b>				
Government-sponsored entities debt *	\$ 56,987	\$ 646	\$ (115)	\$ 57,518
State and municipal obligations	38,688	1,139	(261)	39,566
Mortgage-backed securities **	90,186	2,038	(235)	91,989

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Corporate stocks	443	138	581
	\$ 186,304	\$ 3,961	\$ (611) 189,654

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\* - Government-sponsored entities holdings are comprised of debt securities offered by Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation ( FHLMC ) or Freddie Mac, Federal National Mortgage Association ( FNMA ) or Fannie Mae, FHLB, and Federal Farm Credit Banks ( FFCB ).

\*\* - All of the mortgage-backed securities are issued by government-sponsored entities; there are no private-label holdings.

Table of Contents**Note 5 Investment Securities (Continued)**

The following is the amortized cost and fair value of other investment securities:

(Dollars in thousands)	Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value
<b>March 31, 2012:</b>				
Federal Reserve Bank stock	\$ 7,028	\$	\$	\$ 7,028
Federal Home Loan Bank stock	9,932			9,932
Investment in unconsolidated subsidiaries	1,332			1,332
	\$ 18,292	\$	\$	\$ 18,292
<b>December 31, 2011:</b>				
Federal Reserve Bank stock	\$ 7,028	\$	\$	\$ 7,028
Federal Home Loan Bank stock	9,932			9,932
Investment in unconsolidated subsidiaries	1,332			1,332
	\$ 18,292	\$	\$	\$ 18,292
<b>March 31, 2011:</b>				
Federal Reserve Bank stock	\$ 6,617	\$	\$	\$ 6,617
Federal Home Loan Bank stock	15,874			15,874
Investment in unconsolidated subsidiaries	1,332			1,332
	\$ 23,823	\$	\$	\$ 23,823

The Company has determined that the investment in Federal Reserve Bank stock and FHLB stock is not other than temporarily impaired as of March 31, 2012 and ultimate recoverability of the par value of these investments is probable.

The amortized cost and fair value of debt securities at March 31, 2012 by contractual maturity are detailed below. Expected maturities will differ from contractual maturities because borrowers may have the right to call or prepay obligations with or without prepayment penalties.

(Dollars in thousands)	Securities Held to Maturity		Securities Available for Sale	
	Amortized Cost	Fair Value	Amortized Cost	Fair Value
Due in one year or less	\$ 840	\$ 856	\$ 299	\$ 301
Due after one year through five years	401	409	14,323	14,481
Due after five years through ten years	7,467	7,943	49,673	51,346
Due after ten years	7,860	8,456	249,113	256,460
	\$ 16,568	\$ 17,664	\$ 313,408	\$ 322,588



Table of Contents**Note 5 Investment Securities (Continued)**

Information pertaining to the Company's securities with gross unrealized losses at March 31, 2012, December 31, 2011 and March 31, 2011, aggregated by investment category and length of time that individual securities have been in a continuous unrealized loss position is as follows:

(Dollars in thousands)	Less Than Twelve Months		Twelve Months or More	
	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value
<b>March 31, 2012:</b>				
<b>Securities Held to Maturity</b>				
State and municipal obligations	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Securities Available for Sale</b>				
Government-sponsored entities debt	\$ 112	\$ 15,516	\$	\$
State and municipal obligations	18	381	15	486
Mortgage-backed securities	56	8,367		
Corporate stocks			1	9
	\$ 186	\$ 24,264	\$ 16	\$ 495
<b>December 31, 2011:</b>				
<b>Securities Held to Maturity</b>				
State and municipal obligations	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Securities Available for Sale</b>				
Government-sponsored entities debt	\$ 3	\$ 5,505	\$	\$
State and municipal obligations	1	420	31	724
Mortgage-backed securities	5	6,601		
	\$ 9	\$ 12,526	\$ 31	\$ 724
<b>March 31, 2011:</b>				
<b>Securities Held to Maturity</b>				
State and municipal obligations	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Securities Available for Sale</b>				
Government-sponsored entities debt	\$ 115	\$ 16,750	\$	\$
State and municipal obligations	113	4,535	148	1,398
Mortgage-backed securities	235	23,333		
	\$ 463	\$ 44,618	\$ 148	\$ 1,398

Table of Contents**Note 6 Loans and Allowance for Loan Losses**

The following is a summary of non-acquired loans:

(Dollars in thousands)	March 31, 2012	December 31, 2011	March 31, 2011
Non-acquired loans:			
Commercial non-owner occupied real estate:			
Construction and land development	\$ 294,865	310,845	\$ 370,442
Commercial non-owner occupied	284,044	299,698	332,773
Total commercial non-owner occupied real estate	578,909	610,543	703,215
Consumer real estate:			
Consumer owner occupied	407,697	391,529	339,948
Home equity loans	258,054	264,986	263,331
Total consumer real estate	665,751	656,515	603,279
Commercial owner occupied real estate	744,441	742,890	606,795
Commercial and industrial	216,083	220,454	206,348
Other income producing property	130,177	140,693	131,909
Consumer	85,350	85,342	73,464
Other loans	16,603	14,128	23,299
Total non-acquired loans	2,437,314	2,470,565	2,348,309
Less allowance for loan losses	(47,607)	(49,367)	(48,164)
Non-acquired loans, net	\$ 2,389,707	\$ 2,421,198	\$ 2,300,145

In accordance with FASB ASC Topic 310-30, the Company aggregated acquired loans that have common risk characteristics into pools of loan categories as described in the table below. Substantially all of the acquired loans are covered under FDIC loss share agreements.



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The Company's acquired loan portfolio is comprised of the following balances net of related discount:

(Dollars in thousands)	Loans Impaired at Acquisition	Loans Not Impaired at Acquisition	Total
<b>March 31, 2012:</b>			
Acquired loans:			
Commercial loans greater than or equal to \$1 million-CBT	\$ 21,956	\$ 34,360	\$ 56,316
Commercial real estate	35,554	65,243	100,797
Commercial real estate construction and development	24,535	19,804	44,339
Residential real estate	46,300	70,059	116,359
Residential real estate junior lien	1,293	1,396	2,689
Home equity	3,566	6,575	10,141
Consumer	4,227	4,356	8,583
Commercial and industrial	8,645	15,875	24,520
Single pay	5,226	174	5,400
Total acquired loans	\$ 151,302	\$ 217,842	\$ 369,144
Less allowance for loan losses	(25,712)	(8,643)	(34,355)
Acquired loans, net	\$ 125,590	\$ 209,199	\$ 334,789
<b>December 31, 2011:</b>			
Acquired loans:			
Commercial loans greater than or equal to \$1 million-CBT	\$ 24,073	\$ 36,756	\$ 60,829
Commercial real estate	39,991	68,337	108,328
Commercial real estate construction and development	29,533	21,472	51,005
Residential real estate	51,057	73,365	124,422
Residential real estate junior lien	1,383	1,458	2,841
Home equity	530	857	1,387
Consumer	5,392	4,627	10,019
Commercial and industrial	15,019	24,291	39,310
Single pay	3,852	208	4,060
Total acquired loans	\$ 170,830	\$ 231,371	\$ 402,201
Less allowance for loan losses	(23,875)	(7,745)	(31,620)
Acquired loans, net	\$ 146,955	\$ 223,626	\$ 370,581
<b>March 31, 2011:</b>			
Acquired loans:			
Commercial loans greater than or equal to \$1 million-CBT	\$ 34,658	\$ 45,697	\$ 80,355
Commercial real estate	29,438	61,256	90,694
Commercial real estate construction and development	38,453	23,044	61,497
Residential real estate	54,876	67,789	122,665
Residential real estate junior lien	1,832	1,318	3,150
Home equity	285	697	982
Consumer	9,696	3,504	13,200
Commercial and industrial	13,287	21,114	34,401
Single pay	10,588	362	10,950
Total acquired loans	\$ 193,113	\$ 224,781	\$ 417,894
Less allowance for loan losses	(25,833)	-	(25,833)
Acquired loans, net	\$ 167,280	\$ 224,781	\$ 392,061



Table of Contents**Note 6 Loans and Allowance for Loan Losses (Continued)**

Contractual loan payments receivable, estimates of amounts not expected to be collected, other fair value adjustments and the resulting fair values of acquired loans impaired and non-impaired at the acquisition date for BankMeridian (July 29, 2011) are as follows:

(Dollars in thousands)	<b>July 29, 2011</b>		<b>Total</b>
	<b>Loans Impaired at Acquisition</b>	<b>Loans Not Impaired at Acquisition</b>	
Contractual principal and interest	\$ 98,774	\$ 87,869	\$ 186,643
Non-accretable difference	(52,671)	(17,775)	(70,446)
Cash flows expected to be collected	46,103	70,094	116,197
Accretable yield	(8,468)	(12,748)	(21,216)
Carrying value	\$ 37,635	\$ 57,346	\$ 94,981

Contractual loan payments receivable, estimates of amounts not expected to be collected, other fair value adjustments and the resulting fair values of acquired loans impaired and non-impaired at the acquisition date for Habersham (February 18, 2011) are as follows:

(Dollars in thousands)	<b>February 18, 2011</b>		<b>Total</b>
	<b>Loans Impaired at Acquisition</b>	<b>Loans Not Impaired at Acquisition</b>	
Contractual principal and interest	\$ 132,386	\$ 135,500	\$ 267,886
Non-accretable difference	(68,996)	(43,322)	(112,318)
Cash flows expected to be collected	63,390	92,178	155,568
Accretable yield	(8,747)	(19,368)	(28,115)
Carrying value	\$ 54,643	\$ 72,810	\$ 127,453

Table of Contents**Note 6 Loans and Allowance for Loan Losses (Continued)**

Contractual loan payments receivable, estimates of amounts not expected to be collected, other fair value adjustments and the resulting fair values of acquired loans (impaired and non-impaired) as of March 31, 2012, December 31, 2011, and March 31, 2011 are as follows:

(Dollars in thousands)	Loans Not Impaired at Acquisition		Total
	Loans Impaired at Acquisition		
<b>March 31, 2012:</b>			
Contractual principal and interest	\$ 282,499	\$ 329,796	\$ 612,295
Non-accretable difference	(100,477)	(56,524)	(157,001)
Cash flows expected to be collected	182,022	273,272	455,294
Accretable yield	(30,720)	(55,430)	(86,150)
Carrying value	\$ 151,302	\$ 217,842	\$ 369,144
Allowance for acquired loan losses	\$ (25,712)	\$ (8,643)	\$ (34,355)
<b>December 31, 2011:</b>			
Contractual principal and interest	\$ 382,760	\$ 361,726	\$ 744,486
Non-accretable difference	(176,601)	(71,084)	(247,685)
Cash flows expected to be collected	206,159	290,642	496,801
Accretable yield	(35,329)	(59,271)	(94,600)
Carrying value	\$ 170,830	\$ 231,371	\$ 402,201
Allowance for acquired loan losses	\$ (23,875)	\$ (7,745)	\$ (31,620)
<b>March 31, 2011:</b>			
Contractual principal and interest	\$ 379,900	\$ 396,419	\$ 776,319
Non-accretable difference	(163,785)	(101,067)	(264,852)
Cash flows expected to be collected	216,115	295,352	511,467
Accretable yield	(23,002)	(70,571)	(93,573)
Carrying value	\$ 193,113	\$ 224,781	\$ 417,894
Allowance for acquired loan losses	\$ (25,833)	\$	\$ (25,833)

Income on acquired loans that are not impaired at the acquisition date is recognized in the same manner as loans impaired at the acquisition date. A portion of the fair value discount on acquired non-impaired loans has been ascribed as an accretable yield that is accreted into interest income over the estimated remaining life of the loans. The remaining nonaccretable difference represents cash flows not expected to be collected.

The unpaid principal balance for acquired loans was \$540.4 million at March 31, 2012, \$597.7 million at December 31, 2011 and \$673.7 million at March 31, 2011.



Table of Contents**Note 6 Loans and Allowance for Loan Losses (Continued)**

The following are changes in the carrying value of acquired loans during the periods ended March 31, 2012 and 2011:

(Dollars in thousands)	Loans Impaired at Acquisition	Loans Not Impaired at Acquisition	Total
Balance, December 31, 2011	\$ 146,955	\$ 223,626	\$ 370,581
Net reductions for payments, foreclosures, and accretion	(19,528)	(13,529)	(33,057)
Change in the allowance for loan losses on acquired loans	(1,837)	(898)	(2,735)
Balance, March 31, 2012, net of allowance for loan losses on acquired loans	\$ 125,590	\$ 209,199	\$ 334,789
Balance, December 31, 2010	\$ 143,059	\$ 177,979	\$ 321,038
Fair value of acquired loans	54,643	72,810	127,453
Net reductions for payments, foreclosures, and accretion	(4,589)	(26,008)	(30,597)
Change in the allowance for loan losses on acquired loans	(25,833)	-	(25,833)
Balance, March 31, 2011, net of allowance for loan losses on acquired loans	\$ 167,280	\$ 224,781	\$ 392,061

The following are changes in the carrying amount of accretable difference for purchased impaired and non-impaired loans for the period ended March 31, 2012 and 2011:

(Dollars in thousands)	Three Months Ended March 31, 2012	March 31, 2011
Beginning balance, December 31	\$ 94,600	\$ 44,684
Addition from the Habersham acquisition	-	28,115
Interest income	(9,110)	(7,127)
Reclass of nonaccretable difference due to improvement in expected cash flows	8,270	36,200
Other changes, net	(7,610)	(8,299)
Ending balance, March 31	\$ 86,150	\$ 93,573

On December 13, 2006, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (the OCC), the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (the Federal Reserve), FDIC, and other regulatory agencies collectively revised the banking agencies' 1993 policy statement on the allowance for loan and lease losses to ensure consistency with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States and more recent supervisory guidance. Our loan loss policy adheres to the interagency guidance.

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The allowance for loan losses is based upon estimates made by management. We maintain an allowance for loan losses at a level that we believe is appropriate to cover estimated credit losses on individually evaluated loans that are determined to be impaired as well as estimated credit losses inherent in the remainder of our loan portfolio. Arriving at the allowance involves a high degree of management judgment and results in a range of estimated losses. We regularly evaluate the adequacy of the allowance through our internal risk rating system, outside credit review, and regulatory agency examinations to assess the quality of the loan portfolio and identify problem loans. The evaluation process also includes our analysis of current economic conditions, composition of the loan portfolio, past due and nonaccrual loans, concentrations of credit, lending policies and procedures, and historical loan loss experience. While management uses available information to recognize losses on loans, future additions to the allowance may be necessary based on, among other factors, changes in economic conditions in our markets. In addition, regulatory agencies, as an integral part of their examination process, periodically review our allowances for losses on loans. These agencies may require management to recognize additions to the allowances based on their judgments about information available to them at the time of their examination. Because of these and other factors, it is possible that the allowances for losses on loans may change. The provision for loan losses is charged to expense in an amount necessary to maintain the allowance at an appropriate level.

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The allowance for loan losses on non-acquired loans consists of general and specific reserves. The general reserves are determined by applying loss percentages to the portfolio that are based on historical loss experience for each class of loans and management's evaluation and risk grading of the loan portfolio. Additionally, the general economic and business conditions affecting key lending areas, credit quality trends, collateral values, loan volumes and concentrations, seasoning of the loan portfolio, the findings of internal and external credit reviews and results from external bank regulatory examinations are included in this evaluation. Currently, these adjustments are applied to the non-acquired loan portfolio when estimating the level of reserve required. The specific reserves are determined on a loan-by-loan basis based on management's evaluation of our exposure for each credit, given the current payment status of the loan and the value of any underlying collateral. These are loans classified by management as doubtful or substandard. For such loans that are also classified as impaired, an allowance is established when the discounted cash flows (or collateral value or observable market price) of the impaired loan is lower than the carrying value of that loan. Generally, the need for a specific reserve is evaluated on impaired loans greater than \$250,000. Loans that are determined to be impaired are provided a specific reserve, if necessary, and are excluded from the calculation of the general reserves.

In determining the acquisition date fair value of purchased loans, and in subsequent accounting, SCBT generally aggregates purchased loans into pools of loans with common risk characteristics. Expected cash flows at the acquisition date in excess of the fair value of loans are recorded as interest income over the life of the loans using a level yield method if the timing and amount of the future cash flows of the pool is reasonably estimable. Subsequent to the acquisition date, increases in cash flows over those expected at the acquisition date are recognized as interest income prospectively. Decreases in expected cash flows after the acquisition date are recognized by recording an allowance for loan losses. Management analyzes the acquired loan pools using various assessments of risk to determine and calculate an expected loss. The expected loss is derived using an estimate of a loss given default based upon the collateral type and/or detailed review by loan officers of loans greater than \$500,000, and the probability of default that is determined based upon historical data at the loan level. Trends are reviewed in terms of accrual status, past due status, and weighted-average grade of the loans within each of the accounting pools. In addition, the relationship between the change in the unpaid principal balance and change in the mark is assessed to correlate the directional consistency of the expected loss for each pool. Offsetting the impact of the provision established for acquired loans covered under FDIC loss share agreements, the receivable from the FDIC is adjusted to reflect the indemnified portion of the post-acquisition exposure with a corresponding credit to the provision for loan losses. (For further discussion of the Company's allowance for loan losses on acquired loans, see Note 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Note 4 Mergers and Acquisitions.)

An aggregated analysis of the changes in allowance for loan losses for the three months ended March 31, 2012 and 2011 is as follows:

(Dollars in thousands)	Non-acquired Loans		Acquired Loans		Total
<b>Three months ended March 31, 2012:</b>					
Balance at beginning of period	\$	49,367	\$	31,620	\$ 80,987
Loans charged-off		(5,698)			(5,698)
Recoveries of loans previously charged off		1,640			1,640
Net charge-offs		(4,058)			(4,058)
Provision for loan losses		2,298		2,735	5,033
Benefit attributable to FDIC loss share agreements				(2,310)	(2,310)
Total provision for loan losses charged to operations		2,298		425	2,723
Provision for loan losses recorded through the FDIC loss share receivable				2,310	2,310
Balance at end of period	\$	47,607	\$	34,355	\$ 81,962
<b>Three months ended March 31, 2011:</b>					
Balance at beginning of period	\$	47,512	\$	\$	47,512



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Loans charged-off	(9,322)		(9,322)
Recoveries of loans previously charged off	625		625
Net charge-offs	(8,697)		(8,697)
Provision for loan losses	9,349	25,833	35,182
Benefit attributable to FDIC loss share agreements		(24,541)	(24,541)
Total provision for loan losses charged to operations	9,349	1,292	10,641
Provision for loan losses recorded through the FDIC loss share receivable		24,541	24,541
Balance at end of period	\$ 48,164	\$ 25,833	\$ 73,997

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The following tables present a disaggregated analysis of activity in the allowance for loan losses and loan balances for non-acquired loans for the periods ended March 31, 2012 and March 31, 2011.

(Dollars in thousands)	Construction & Land Development	Commercial Non-owner Occupied	Commercial Owner Occupied	Consumer Owner Occupied	Home Equity	Commercial & Industrial	Other Income Producing Property	Consumer	Other Loans	Total
<b>March 31, 2012</b>										
<b>Allowance for loan losses:</b>										
Balance, December 31, 2011	\$ 12,373	\$ 6,109	\$ 10,356	\$ 7,453	\$ 4,269	\$ 3,901	\$ 3,636	\$ 1,145	\$ 125	\$ 49,367
Charge-offs	(1,010)	(1,002)	(1,495)	(446)	(500)	(330)	(455)	(409)	(51)	(5,698)
Recoveries	780	16	1	12	181	110	273	256	11	1,640
Provision	455	539	409	548	83	69	63	83	49	2,298
Balance, March 31, 2012	\$ 12,598	\$ 5,662	\$ 9,271	\$ 7,567	\$ 4,033	\$ 3,750	\$ 3,517	\$ 1,075	\$ 134	\$ 47,607
Loans individually evaluated for impairment										
	\$ 2,052	\$ 528	\$ 294	\$ 644	\$	\$	\$ 322	\$	\$	\$ 3,840
Loans collectively evaluated for impairment										
	\$ 10,546	\$ 5,134	\$ 8,977	\$ 6,923	\$ 4,033	\$ 3,750	\$ 3,195	\$ 1,075	\$ 134	\$ 43,767
<b>Loans:</b>										
Loans individually evaluated for impairment										
	\$ 22,641	\$ 8,017	\$ 16,895	\$ 4,004	\$	\$ 884	\$ 4,686	\$	\$	\$ 57,127
Loans collectively evaluated for impairment										
	272,224	276,027	727,546	403,693	258,054	215,199	125,491	85,350	16,603	2,380,187
Total non-acquired loans	\$ 294,865	\$ 284,044	\$ 744,441	\$ 407,697	\$ 258,054	\$ 216,083	\$ 130,177	\$ 85,350	\$ 16,603	\$ 2,437,314

(Dollars in thousands)	Construction & Land Development	Commercial Non-owner Occupied	Commercial Owner Occupied	Consumer Owner Occupied	Home Equity	Commercial & Industrial	Other Income Producing Property	Consumer	Other Loans	Total
<b>March 31, 2011</b>										
<b>Allowance for loan losses:</b>										
Balance, December 31, 2010	\$ 14,242	\$ 6,428	\$ 7,814	\$ 6,060	\$ 4,424	\$ 4,313	\$ 2,834	\$ 1,191	\$ 206	\$ 47,512
Charge-offs	(4,538)	(1,236)	(729)	(1,314)	(511)	(229)	(499)	(105)	(161)	(9,322)
Recoveries	90	20	1	34	58	79	134	40	169	625
Provision	4,336	1,105	890	1,408	506	232	718	142	12	9,349
	\$ 14,130	\$ 6,317	\$ 7,976	\$ 6,188	\$ 4,477	\$ 4,395	\$ 3,187	\$ 1,268	\$ 226	\$ 48,164

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Balance, March 31, 2011												
Loans individually evaluated for impairment	\$	594	\$	866	\$	446	\$	21	\$	163	\$	2,090
Loans collectively evaluated for impairment	\$	13,536	\$	5,451	\$	7,530	\$	6,167	\$	4,395	\$	46,074
<b>Loans:</b>												
Loans individually evaluated for impairment	\$	23,107	\$	11,882	\$	10,314	\$	1,997	\$	1,117	\$	49,656
Loans collectively evaluated for impairment		347,335		320,891		596,481		337,951		263,331		2,298,653
Total non-acquired loans	\$	370,442	\$	332,773	\$	606,795	\$	339,948	\$	263,331	\$	2,348,309

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**Note 6 Loans and Allowance for Loan Losses (Continued)**

The following tables present a disaggregated analysis of activity in the allowance for loan losses and loan balances for acquired loans for the periods ended March 31, 2012 and March 31, 2011.

(Dollars in thousands)	Commercial Loans Greater Than or Equal to \$1 Million-CB	Commercial Real Estate Development Real Estate	Commercial Real Estate- Construction and Residential Real Estate	Residential Real Estate- Junior Liens	Home Equity	Consumer	Commercial and Industrial	Single Pay	Total
<b>Allowance for loan losses:</b>									
<b>March 31, 2012</b>									
Balance, December 31, 2011	\$ 16,706	\$ 1,318	\$ 5,026	\$ 445	\$	\$	\$ 4,564	\$ 3,561	\$ 31,620
Charge-offs									
Recoveries									
Provision for loan losses before benefit attributable to FDIC loss share agreements	145	73	2,057	(1,158)	1	21	10	19	1,567
Benefit attributable to FDIC loss share agreements	(138)	(69)	(1,666)	1,100	(1)	(20)	(9)	(18)	(1,489)
Total provision for loan losses charged to operations	7	4	391	(58)	0	1	1	1	78
Provision for loan losses recorded through the FDIC loss share receivable	138	69	1,666	(1,100)	1	20	9	18	1,489
Balance, March 31, 2012	\$ 16,851	\$ 1,391	\$ 2,057	\$ 3,868	\$ 446	\$ 21	\$ 10	\$ 4,583	\$ 5,128
Loans individually evaluated for impairment	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Loans collectively evaluated for impairment	\$ 16,851	\$ 1,391	\$ 2,057	\$ 3,868	\$ 446	\$ 21	\$ 10	\$ 4,583	\$ 5,128
<b>Loans:*</b>									
Loans individually evaluated for impairment	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Loans collectively evaluated for impairment	\$ 56,316	\$ 100,797	\$ 44,339	\$ 116,359	\$ 2,689	\$ 10,141	\$ 8,583	\$ 24,520	\$ 5,400
Total acquired loans	\$ 56,316	\$ 100,797	\$ 44,339	\$ 116,359	\$ 2,689	\$ 10,141	\$ 8,583	\$ 24,520	\$ 5,400

\*The carrying value of acquired loans includes a non-accretable difference which is primarily associated with the assessment of credit quality of acquired loans.

(Dollars in thousands)	Commercial Loans Greater Than or Equal to \$1 Million-CB	Commercial Real Estate Development Real Estate	Commercial Real Estate- Construction and Residential Real Estate	Residential Real Estate- Junior Liens	Home Equity	Consumer	Commercial and Industrial	Single Pay	Total
<b>Allowance for loan losses:</b>									

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**March 31, 2011**

Balance, December 31, 2010	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$										
Charge-offs																				
Recoveries																				
Provision for loan losses																				
before benefit attributable to																				
FDIC loss share agreements	19,084				462			1,234	5,053	25,833										
Benefit attributable to FDIC																				
loss share agreements	(18,130)				(439)			(1,172)	(4,800)	(24,541)										
Total provision for loan																				
losses charged to operations	954				23			62	253	1,292										
Provision for loan losses																				
recorded through the FDIC																				
loss share receivable	18,130				439			1,172	4,800	24,541										
Balance, March 31, 2011	\$	19,084	\$	\$	\$	462	\$	\$	1,234	\$	5,053	\$	25,833							
Loans individually evaluated																				
for impairment	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$										
Loans collectively evaluated																				
for impairment	\$	19,084	\$	\$	\$	462	\$	\$	1,234	\$	5,053	\$	25,833							
<b>Loans:*</b>																				
Loans individually evaluated																				
for impairment	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$										
Loans collectively evaluated																				
for impairment		80,355	90,694	61,497	122,665	3,150	982	13,200	34,401	10,950	417,894									
Total acquired loans	\$	80,355	\$	90,694	\$	61,497	\$	122,665	\$	3,150	\$	982	\$	13,200	\$	34,401	\$	10,950	\$	417,894

\*The carrying value of acquired loans includes a non-accretable difference which is primarily associated with the assessment of credit quality of acquired loans.

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**Note 6 Loans and Allowance for Loan Losses (Continued)**

As part of the on-going monitoring of the credit quality of the Company's loan portfolio, management tracks certain credit quality indicators including trends related to (i) the level of classified loans, (ii) net charge-offs, (iii) non-performing loans (see details below) and (iv) the general economic conditions of the markets that we serve.

The Company utilizes a risk grading matrix to assign a risk grade to each of its loans. A description of the general characteristics of the risk grades is as follows:

- **Pass** These loans range from minimal credit risk to average however still acceptable credit risk.
  
- **Special mention** A special mention loan has potential weaknesses that deserve management's close attention. If left uncorrected, these potential weaknesses may result in deterioration of the repayment prospects for the loan or the institution's credit position at some future date.
  
- **Substandard** A substandard loan is inadequately protected by the current sound worth and paying capacity of the obligor or of the collateral pledged, if any. Loans so classified must have a well-defined weakness, or weaknesses, that may jeopardize the liquidation of the debt. A substandard loan is characterized by the distinct possibility that the Bank will sustain some loss if the deficiencies are not corrected.
  
- **Doubtful** A doubtful loan has all of the weaknesses inherent in one classified as substandard with the added characteristic that the weaknesses make collection or liquidation in full, on the basis of the currently existing facts, conditions and values, highly questionable and improbable.

The following table presents the credit risk profile by risk grade of commercial loans for non-acquired loans:

(Dollars in thousands)	Construction & Development			Commercial Non-owner Occupied			Commercial Owner Occupied		
	March 31, 2012	December 31, 2011	March 31, 2011	March 31, 2012	December 31, 2011	March 31, 2011	March 31, 2012	December 31, 2011	March 31, 2011
Pass	\$ 219,893	\$ 232,131	\$ 270,529	\$ 223,277	\$ 231,954	\$ 267,951	\$ 666,023	\$ 656,683	\$ 521,530
Special mention	33,009	33,254	44,319	39,576	43,733	37,797	33,166	38,511	45,187
Substandard	41,963	45,460	55,594	21,191	24,011	27,025	45,252	47,465	39,767
Doubtful								231	311
	\$ 294,865	\$ 310,845	\$ 370,442	\$ 284,044	\$ 299,698	\$ 332,773	\$ 744,441	\$ 742,890	\$ 606,795

Commercial & Industrial			Other Income Producing Property			Commercial Total		
March 31,	December 31,	March 31,	March 31,	December 31,	March 31,	March 31,	December 31,	March 31,

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	2012	2011	2011	2012	2011	2011	2012	2011	2011
Pass	\$ 199,147	\$ 207,063	\$ 194,491	\$ 110,120	\$ 117,237	\$ 108,768	\$ 1,418,460	\$ 1,445,299	\$ 1,363,269
Special mention	10,964	6,949	4,475	9,151	11,885	11,637	125,866	134,332	143,415
Substandard	5,972	6,442	7,382	10,906	11,571	11,453	125,284	134,949	141,221
Doubtful						51			362
	\$ 216,083	\$ 220,454	\$ 206,348	\$ 130,177	\$ 140,693	\$ 131,909	\$ 1,669,610	\$ 1,714,580	\$ 1,648,267

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The following table presents the credit risk profile by risk grade of consumer loans for non-acquired loans:

(Dollars in thousands)	Consumer Owner Occupied				Home Equity		Consumer		
	March 31, 2012	December 31, 2011	March 31, 2011	March 31, 2012	December 31, 2011	March 31, 2011	March 31, 2012	December 31, 2011	March 31, 2011
Pass	\$ 359,701	\$ 342,307	\$ 302,323	\$ 240,251	\$ 247,929	\$ 248,567	\$ 84,223	\$ 84,189	\$ 72,276
Special mention	24,079	25,298	18,123	11,357	10,018	9,628	703	682	757
Substandard	23,917	23,924	19,502	6,446	7,039	5,136	424	471	431
Doubtful									
	\$ 407,697	\$ 391,529	\$ 339,948	\$ 258,054	\$ 264,986	\$ 263,331	\$ 85,350	\$ 85,342	\$ 73,464

	March 31, 2012	Other December 31, 2011	March 31, 2011	March 31, 2012	Consumer Total December 31, 2011	March 31, 2011
Pass	\$ 16,603	\$ 14,128	\$ 23,299	\$ 700,778	\$ 688,553	\$ 646,465
Special mention				36,139	35,998	28,508
Substandard				30,787	31,434	25,069
Doubtful						
	\$ 16,603	\$ 14,128	\$ 23,299	\$ 767,704	\$ 755,985	\$ 700,042

The following table presents the credit risk profile by risk grade of total non-acquired loans:

	March 31, 2012	Total Non-acquired Loans December 31, 2011	March 31, 2011
Pass	\$ 2,119,238	\$ 2,133,852	\$ 2,009,734
Special mention	162,005	170,330	171,923
Substandard	156,071	166,383	166,290
Doubtful			362
	\$ 2,437,314	\$ 2,470,565	\$ 2,348,309

At March 31, 2012, the aggregate amount of non-acquired substandard and doubtful loans totaled \$156.1 million. When these loans are combined with non-acquired OREO of \$21.4 million, our non-acquired classified assets (as defined by our primary federal regulator, the OCC) were \$177.5 million. At December 31, 2011, the amounts were \$166.4 million, \$18.0 million, and \$184.4 million, respectively. At March 31, 2011, the amounts were \$166.7 million, \$19.8 million, and \$187.1 million, respectively.



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**Note 6 Loans and Allowance for Loan Losses (Continued)**

The following table presents the credit risk profile by risk grade of acquired loans, net of the related discount:

(Dollars in thousands)	Commercial Loans Greater Than or Equal to \$1 million-CBT			Commercial Real Estate			Commercial Real Estate Construction and Development		
	March 31, 2012	December 31, 2011	March 31, 2011	March 31, 2012	December 31, 2011	March 31, 2011	March 31, 2012	December 31, 2011	March 31, 2011
Pass	\$ 15,947	\$ 17,257	\$ 23,391	\$ 32,136	\$ 34,570	\$ 53,096	\$ 9,247	\$ 11,838	\$ 33,304
Special mention	4,665	5,164	7,056	21,452	22,127	12,901	7,079	5,947	3,598
Substandard	35,704	38,408	49,109	46,774	51,133	24,697	25,335	30,571	24,510
Doubtful			799	435	498		2,678	2,649	85
	\$ 56,316	\$ 60,829	\$ 80,355	\$ 100,797	\$ 108,328	\$ 90,694	\$ 44,339	\$ 51,005	\$ 61,497

	Residential Real Estate			Residential Real Estate Junior Lien			Home Equity		
	March 31, 2012	December 31, 2011	March 31, 2011	March 31, 2012	December 31, 2011	March 31, 2011	March 31, 2012	December 31, 2011	March 31, 2011
Pass	\$ 41,595	\$ 49,308	\$ 74,853	\$ 1,257	\$ 1,541	\$ 1,830	\$ 6,262	\$ 898	\$ 664
Special mention	22,288	19,042	12,420	389	308	118	2,441	200	109
Substandard	49,304	53,221	34,934	1,043	992	931	1,438	289	209
Doubtful	3,172	2,851	458			271			
	\$ 116,359	\$ 124,422	\$ 122,665	\$ 2,689	\$ 2,841	\$ 3,150	\$ 10,141	\$ 1,387	\$ 982

	Consumer			Commercial & Industrial			Single Pay		
	March 31, 2012	December 31, 2011	March 31, 2011	March 31, 2012	December 31, 2011	March 31, 2011	March 31, 2012	December 31, 2011	March 31, 2011
Pass	\$ 4,719	\$ 5,771	\$ 10,463	\$ 7,578	\$ 11,207	\$ 20,375	\$ 731	\$ 465	\$ 373
Special mention	923	889	419	5,045	7,295	3,097	55	62	88
Substandard	2,674	2,869	2,235	11,330	19,752	10,703	4,614	3,533	10,019
Doubtful	267	490	83	567	1,056	226			470
	\$ 8,583	\$ 10,019	\$ 13,200	\$ 24,520	\$ 39,310	\$ 34,401	\$ 5,400	\$ 4,060	\$ 10,950

The risk grading of acquired loans is determined utilizing a loan's contractual balance, while the amount recorded in the financial statements and reflected above is the carrying value. In an FDIC-assisted acquisition, acquired loans are initially recorded at their fair value, including a credit discount due to the high concentration of substandard and doubtful loans. In addition to the credit discount and the allowance for loan losses on acquired loans, the Company's risk of loss is mitigated because of the FDIC loss share arrangement.

An aging analysis of past due loans, segregated by class for non-acquired loans, as of March 31, 2012 was as follows:

(Dollars in thousands)	30-59 Days Past Due	60-89 Days Past Due	90+ Days Past Due	Total Past Due	Current	Total Loans
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Commercial real estate:												
Construction and land development	\$	2,192	\$	866	\$	17,237	\$	20,295	\$	274,570	\$	294,865
Commercial non-owner occupied		166		359		5,615		6,140		277,904		284,044
Commercial owner occupied		1,126		403		13,730		15,259		729,182		744,441
Consumer real estate:												
Consumer owner occupied		1,850		178		4,838		6,866		400,831		407,697
Home equity loans		485		392		644		1,521		256,533		258,054
Commercial and industrial		235		88		957		1,280		214,803		216,083
Other income producing property		636		236		3,910		4,782		125,395		130,177
Consumer		299		59		81		439		84,911		85,350
Other loans		50		52		69		171		16,432		16,603
	\$	7,039	\$	2,633	\$	47,081	\$	56,753	\$	2,380,561	\$	2,437,314

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An aging analysis of past due loans, segregated by class for non-acquired loans, as of December 31, 2011 was as follows:

(Dollars in thousands)	30-59 Days Past Due	60-89 Days Past Due	90+ Days Past Due	Total Past Due	Current	Total Loans
<b>Commercial real estate:</b>						
Construction and land development	\$ 1,056	\$ 2,793	\$ 13,176	\$ 17,025	\$ 293,820	\$ 310,845
Commercial non-owner occupied	998	539	10,088	11,625	288,073	299,698
Commercial owner occupied	2,731	902	12,936	16,569	726,321	742,890
<b>Consumer real estate:</b>						
Consumer owner occupied	3,288	762	5,819	9,869	381,660	391,529
Home equity loans	889	360	647	1,896	263,090	264,986
Commercial and industrial	389	142	1,218	1,749	218,705	220,454
Other income producing property	192	29	4,185	4,406	136,287	140,693
Consumer	302	130	33	465	84,877	85,342
Other loans	97	74	46	217	13,911	14,128
	\$ 9,942	\$ 5,731	\$ 48,148	\$ 63,821	\$ 2,406,744	\$ 2,470,565

An aging analysis of past due loans, segregated by class for non-acquired loans, as of March 31, 2011 was as follows:

(Dollars in thousands)	30-59 Days Past Due	60-89 Days Past Due	90+ Days Past Due and Accruing	Total Past Due	Current	Total Loans
<b>Commercial real estate:</b>						
Construction and land development	\$ 5,872	\$ 2,407	\$ 11,633	\$ 19,912	\$ 350,530	\$ 370,442
Commercial non-owner occupied	2,964	4,106	4,562	11,632	321,141	332,773
Commercial owner occupied	1,530	339	5,166	7,035	599,760	606,795
<b>Consumer real estate:</b>						
Consumer owner occupied	1,856	489	4,347	6,692	333,256	339,948
Home equity loans	506	174	638	1,318	262,013	263,331
Commercial and industrial	323	416	1,037	1,776	204,572	206,348
Other income producing property	966		2,451	3,417	128,492	131,909
Consumer	215	45	50	310	73,154	73,464
Other loans				378	22,921	23,299
	\$ 14,232	\$ 7,976	\$ 29,884	\$ 52,470	\$ 2,295,839	\$ 2,348,309



Table of Contents**Note 6 Loans and Allowance for Loan Losses (Continued)**

An aging analysis of past due loans, segregated by class for acquired loans as of March 31, 2012 was as follows:

(Dollars in thousands)	30-59 Days Past Due	60-89 Days Past Due	90+ Days Past Due	Total Past Due	Current	Total Loans
Commercial loans greater than or equal to \$1 million-CBT	\$ 2,507	\$ 1,640	\$ 23,743	\$ 27,890	\$ 28,426	\$ 56,316
Commercial real estate	882	382	19,893	21,157	79,640	100,797
Commercial real estate construction and development	946	412	16,030	17,388	26,951	44,339
Residential real estate	4,100	1,417	13,218	18,735	97,624	116,359
Residential real estate junior lien		117	156	273	2,416	2,689
Home equity	27		52	79	10,062	10,141
Consumer	168	280	1,013	1,461	7,122	8,583
Commercial and industrial	555	355	5,067	5,977	18,543	24,520
Single pay			3,669	3,669	1,731	5,400
	\$ 9,185	\$ 4,603	\$ 82,841	\$ 96,629	\$ 272,515	\$ 369,144

An aging analysis of past due loans, segregated by class for acquired loans, as of December 31, 2011 was as follows:

(Dollars in thousands)	30-59 Days Past Due	60-89 Days Past Due	90+ Days Past Due	Total Past Due	Current	Total Loans
Commercial loans greater than or equal to \$1 million-CBT	\$	\$ 990	\$ 27,582	\$ 28,572	\$ 32,257	\$ 60,829
Commercial real estate	3,720	2,423	21,361	27,504	80,824	108,328
Commercial real estate construction and development	2,907	1,121	20,704	24,732	26,273	51,005
Residential real estate	3,065	2,221	14,071	19,357	105,065	124,422
Residential real estate junior lien	180		156	336	2,505	2,841
Home equity	20	4	16	40	1,346	1,386
Consumer	261	163	1,280	1,704	8,315	10,019
Commercial and industrial	1,410	512	9,537	11,459	27,852	39,311
Single pay	79	5	2,866	2,950	1,110	4,060
	\$ 11,642	\$ 7,439	\$ 97,573	\$ 116,654	\$ 285,547	\$ 402,201

An aging analysis of past due loans, segregated by class for acquired loans, as of March 31, 2011 was as follows:

(Dollars in thousands)	30-59 Days Past Due	60-89 Days Past Due	90+ Days Past Due	Total Past Due	Current	Total Loans
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Commercial loans greater than or equal to \$1 million-CBT	\$ 728	\$	\$ 34,494	\$ 35,222	\$ 45,133	\$ 80,355
Commercial real estate	6,004	1,449	12,450	19,903	70,791	90,694
Commercial real estate construction and development	3,179	2,732	27,021	32,932	28,565	61,497
Residential real estate	4,384	1,442	17,745	23,571	99,094	122,665
Residential real estate junior lien	86	64	683	833	2,317	3,150
Home equity	13	29	104	146	836	982
Consumer	506	123	1,010	1,639	11,561	13,200
Commercial and industrial	384	1,913	7,200	9,497	24,904	34,401
Single pay	5	76	9,967	10,048	902	10,950
	\$ 15,289	\$ 7,828	\$ 110,674	\$ 133,791	\$ 284,103	\$ 417,894

Acquired loans that are past due continue to accrue accretable yield under the accretion method of accounting and therefore are not considered to be nonaccrual.

Table of Contents**Note 6 Loans and Allowance for Loan Losses (Continued)**

The following is a summary of information pertaining to impaired non-acquired loans:

(Dollars in thousands)	Unpaid Contractual Principal Balance	Recorded Investment With No Allowance	Gross Recorded Investment With Allowance	Total Recorded Investment	Related Allowance
<b>March 31, 2012</b>					
Commercial real estate:					
Construction and land development	\$ 29,648	\$ 17,166	\$ 5,819	\$ 22,985	\$ 2,044
Commercial non-owner occupied	10,637	5,731	2,086	7,817	528
Commercial owner occupied	20,841	12,309	4,442	16,750	275
Consumer real estate:					
Consumer owner occupied	4,315	882	3,122	4,004	644
Home equity loans					
Commercial and industrial	1,035	884		884	
Other income producing property	5,784	2,290	2,397	4,686	349
Consumer					
Other loans					
Total impaired loans	\$ 72,260	\$ 39,261	\$ 17,865	\$ 57,127	\$ 3,840
<b>December 31, 2011</b>					
Commercial real estate:					
Construction and land development	\$ 34,076	\$ 19,521	\$ 5,228	\$ 24,749	\$ 1,646
Commercial non-owner occupied	14,269	9,704	2,336	12,040	706
Commercial owner occupied	21,072	10,692	7,025	17,717	1,510
Consumer real estate:					
Consumer owner occupied	2,815	607	1,987	2,594	262
Home equity loans					
Commercial and industrial	1,788	1,576		1,576	
Other income producing property	4,393	2,132	1,243	3,375	289
Consumer					
Other loans					
Total impaired loans	\$ 78,413	\$ 44,232	\$ 17,819	\$ 62,051	\$ 4,413
<b>March 31, 2011</b>					
Commercial real estate:					
Construction and land development	\$ 30,829	\$ 10,468	\$ 12,639	\$ 23,107	\$ 594
Commercial non-owner occupied	14,102	9,528	2,354	11,882	866
Commercial owner occupied	11,537	5,544	4,770	10,314	446
Consumer real estate:					
Consumer owner occupied	2,257	437	1,560	1,997	21
Home equity loans					

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Commercial and industrial	1,146	1,117	1,117
Other income producing property	1,360	340	899
Consumer			1,239
Other loans			163
Total impaired loans	\$ 61,231	\$ 27,434	\$ 22,222
			\$ 49,656
			\$ 2,090

Acquired loans are accounted for in pools as shown on page 16 rather than being individually evaluated for impairment; therefore, the table above only pertains to non-acquired loans.



Table of Contents**Note 6 Loans and Allowance for Loan Losses (Continued)**

The following summarizes the average investment in non-acquired impaired loans and interest income recognized on non-acquired impaired loans for the three months ended March 31, 2012 and 2011:

(Dollars in thousands)	Three Months Ended March 31, 2012		Three Months Ended March 31, 2011	
	Average Investment in Impaired Loans	Interest Income Recognized	Average Investment in Impaired Loans	Interest Income Recognized
Commercial real estate:				
Construction and land development	\$ 24,009	\$ 17	\$ 20,832	\$ 35
Commercial non-owner occupied	10,362		9,062	1
Commercial owner occupied	17,888	44	10,705	10
Consumer real estate:				
Consumer owner occupied	2,974	22	1,883	13
Home equity loans				
Commercial and industrial	1,526		491	
Other income producing property	3,514	13	2,623	5
Consumer Other loans				
Total Impaired Loans	\$ 60,273	\$ 96	\$ 45,596	\$ 64

The following is a summary of information pertaining to non-acquired nonaccrual loans by class, including restructured loans:

(Dollars in thousands)	March 31, 2012	December 31, 2011	March 31, 2011
Commercial non-owner occupied real estate:			
Construction and land development	\$ 19,811	\$ 21,347	\$ 25,236
Commercial non-owner occupied	6,986	10,931	10,918
Total commercial non-owner occupied real estate	26,797	32,278	36,154
Consumer real estate:			
Consumer owner occupied	7,316	8,017	6,948
Home equity loans	1,156	1,005	2,226
Total consumer real estate	8,472	9,022	9,174
Commercial owner occupied real estate	14,621	15,405	8,718
Commercial and industrial	1,561	1,913	1,420
Other income producing property	6,070	5,329	3,288
Consumer	214	223	115
Other loans			
Restructured loans	12,121	11,807	11,168
Total loans on nonaccrual status	\$ 69,857	\$ 75,977	\$ 70,038

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In the course of resolving delinquent loans, the Bank may choose to restructure the contractual terms of certain loans. Any loans that are modified are reviewed by the Bank to determine if a troubled debt restructuring ( TDR or restructured loan ) has occurred. A TDR is a modification in which the Bank grants a concession to a borrower that it would not otherwise consider due to economic or legal reasons related to a borrower's financial difficulties. The concessions granted on TDRs generally include terms to reduce the interest rate, extend the term of the debt obligation, or modify the payment structure on the debt obligation.

Table of Contents**Note 6 Loans and Allowance for Loan Losses (Continued)**

SCBT designates loan modifications as TDRs when it grants a concession to the borrower that it would not otherwise consider due to the borrower experiencing financial difficulty (ASC Topic 310.40). Loans on nonaccrual status at the date of modification are initially classified as nonaccrual TDRs. Loans on accruing status at the date of concession are initially classified as accruing TDRs if the note is reasonably assured of repayment and performance is expected in accordance with its modified terms. Such loans may be designated as nonaccrual loans subsequent to the concession date if reasonable doubt exists as to the collection of interest or principal under the restructuring agreement. Nonaccrual TDRs are returned to accruing status when there is economic substance to the restructuring, there is documented credit evaluation of the borrower's financial condition, the remaining balance is reasonably assured of repayment in accordance with its modified terms, and the borrower has demonstrated sustained repayment performance in accordance with the modified terms for a reasonable period of time (generally a minimum of six months).

The following table presents non-acquired loans designated as TDRs segregated by class and type of concession that were restructured during the three months ended March 31, 2012 and 2011:

(Dollars in thousands)	Number of Loans	Three Months Ended March 31, 2012		Number of Loans	Three Months Ended March 31, 2011		
		Pre-Modification Outstanding Recorded Investment	Post-Modification Outstanding Recorded Investment		Pre-Modification Outstanding Recorded Investment	Post-Modification Outstanding Recorded Investment	
<b>Interest rate modification:</b>							
Construction and land development	1	\$ 165	\$ 164	5	\$ 1,164	\$ 1,159	
Commercial owner occupied	1	443	443	1	332	330	
Consumer owner occupied	1	1,151	1,148	2	759	759	
<b>Other income producing property</b>							
Total interest rate modifications	3	\$ 1,759	\$ 1,755	8	\$ 2,255	\$ 2,248	
<b>Term modification:</b>							
Construction and land development	1	\$ 230	\$ 230		\$	\$	
Commercial owner occupied				2	928	918	
Consumer owner occupied							
Total term modifications	1	\$ 230	\$ 230	2	\$ 928	\$ 918	
	4	\$ 1,989	\$ 1,985	10	\$ 3,183	\$ 3,166	

At March 31, 2012, December 31, 2011, and March 31, 2011, the balance of accruing TDRs was \$6.1 million, \$5.8 million, and \$902,000, respectively.

The following table presents the changes in status of non-acquired loans restructured within the previous 12 months as of March 31, 2012 by type of concession:

<b>Paying Under Restructured Terms</b>	<b>Converted to Nonaccrual</b>	<b>Foreclosures and Defaults</b>
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(Dollars in thousands)	Number of Loans	Recorded Investment	Number of Loans	Recorded Investment	Number of Loans	Recorded Investment
Interest rate modification	17	\$ 5,813		\$	1	\$ 14
Term modification	4	3,665				
	21	\$ 9,478		\$	1	\$ 14

The amount of specific reserve associated with non-acquired restructured loans was \$2.3 million at March 31, 2012, none of which were related to the restructured loans that had subsequently defaulted. The Company had \$154,000 in remaining availability under commitments to lend additional funds on these restructured loans at March 31, 2012.

Table of Contents**Note 7 Receivable from FDIC for Loss Share Agreements**

The following table provides changes in the receivable from the FDIC for the periods ended March 31, 2012 and March 31, 2011:

(Dollars in thousands)	Three Months Ended	
	March 31, 2012	March 31, 2011
Balance, December 31	\$ 262,651	\$ 212,103
FDIC loss share receivable recorded for Habersham agreement		87,418
Increase in expected losses on loans	2,310	24,541
Additional losses on OREO	6,779	12,014
Reimbursable expenses	2,674	2,013
Amortization of discounts and premiums, net	(3,233)	(401)
Reimbursements from FDIC	(39,850)	(33,893)
Balance, March 31	\$ 231,331	\$ 303,795

The FDIC receivable for loss share agreements is measured separately from the related covered assets. At March 31, 2012, the projected cash flows related to the FDIC receivable for losses on assets acquired was approximately \$32.9 million less than the current carrying value. This amount is being recognized as negative accretion (in non-interest income) over the shorter of the underlying asset's remaining life or remaining term of the loss share agreements. Subsequent to March 31, 2012, the Company expects to receive \$28.3 million from loss share claims filed, including reimbursable expenses.

**Note 8 Other Real Estate Owned**

The following is a summary of information pertaining to OREO at March 31, 2012:

(Dollars in thousands)	OREO	Covered OREO	Total
Balance, December 31, 2011	\$ 18,022	\$ 65,849	\$ 83,871
Additions	7,569	14,491	22,349
Writedowns	(1,288)	(7,255)	(8,876)
Sold	(2,922)	(11,297)	(14,175)
Balance, March 31, 2012	\$ 21,381	\$ 61,788	\$ 83,169

The following is a summary of information pertaining to OREO at March 31, 2011:

(Dollars in thousands)	OREO	Covered OREO	Total
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Balance, December 31, 2010	\$	17,264	\$	69,317	\$	86,581
Acquired in Habersham						
Acquisition				14,493		14,493
Additions		7,480		1,365		9,232
Writedowns		(1,897)		(2,113)		(4,389)
Sold		(3,039)		(5,776)		(8,815)
Balance, March 31, 2011	\$	19,816	\$	77,286	\$	97,102

The covered OREO above is covered pursuant to the FDIC loss share agreements which are discussed in Note 4 Mergers and Acquisition, and is presented net of the related fair value discount. At March 31, 2012, there were 856 properties included in OREO, with 92 uncovered and 764 covered by loss share with the FDIC. At March 31, 2011, there were 736 properties in OREO, with 72 uncovered and 664 covered by loss share with the FDIC.

Table of Contents**Note 9 Deposits**

The Company's total deposits are comprised of the following:

(Dollars in thousands)	March 31, 2012	December 31, 2011	March 31, 2011
Certificates of deposit	\$ 844,027	\$ 903,874	\$ 1,134,299
Interest-bearing demand deposits	1,473,986	1,432,806	1,316,879
Non-interest bearing demand deposits	757,777	658,454	606,135
Savings deposits	278,968	258,644	260,712
Other time deposits	1,879	694	1,525
Total deposits	\$ 3,356,637	\$ 3,254,472	\$ 3,319,550

The aggregate amounts of time deposits in denominations of \$100,000 or more at March 31, 2012, December 31, 2011, and March 31, 2011 were \$362.4 million, \$392.7 million and \$523.0 million, respectively. In July of 2010, the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act permanently increased the insurance limit on deposit accounts from \$100,000 to \$250,000. At March 31, 2012, December 31, 2011, and March 31, 2011, SCBT had \$126.9 million, \$124.2 million, and \$185.4 million in certificates of deposits greater than \$250,000, respectively. The Company did not have brokered certificates of deposit at March 31, 2012, December 31, 2011, or March 31, 2011.

**Note 10 Retirement Plans**

The Company and the Bank provide certain retirement benefits to their employees in the form of a non-contributory defined benefit pension plan and an employees' savings plan. The non-contributory defined benefit pension plan covers all employees hired on or before December 31, 2005, who have attained age 21, and who have completed one year of eligible service. Employees hired on or after January 1, 2006 are not eligible to participate in the non-contributory defined benefit pension plan. On this date, a new benefit formula applies only to participants who have not attained age 45 or who do not have five years of service.

Effective July 1, 2009, the Company suspended the accrual of benefits for pension plan participants under the non-contributory defined benefit plan. The pension plan remained suspended as of March 31, 2012.

The components of net periodic pension expense recognized during the three months ended March 31 are as follows:

(Dollars in thousands)	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2012	2011
Interest cost	\$ (258)	\$ (274)

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Expected return on plan assets		<b>421</b>		400
Recognized net actuarial loss		<b>(267)</b>		<b>(137)</b>
Net periodic pension expense	\$	<b>(104)</b>	\$	(11)

The Company contributed \$300,000 to the pension plan for the three months ended March 31, 2012 and anticipates making similar additional quarterly contributions during the remainder of the year.

Electing employees are eligible to participate in the employees' savings plan, under the provisions of Internal Revenue Code Section 401(k), after attaining age 21. Plan participants elect to contribute portions of their annual base compensation as a before tax contribution. Employer contributions may be made from current or accumulated net profits. Participants may elect to contribute 1% to 50% of annual base compensation as a before tax contribution. Employees participating in the plan receive a 50% matching of their 401(k) plan contribution, up to 6% of salary. Prior to January 1, 2012, participating employees received a 50% matching of their 401(k) plan contribution, up to 4% of salary.

Employees hired on January 1, 2006 or thereafter will not participate in the defined benefit pension plan, but are eligible to participate in the employees' savings plan.



Table of Contents**Note 10 Retirement Plans (Continued)**

Employees can enter the savings plan on or after the first day of each month. The employee may enter into a salary deferral agreement at any time to select an alternative deferral amount or to elect not to defer in the plan. If the employee does not elect an investment allocation, the plan administrator will select a retirement-based portfolio according to the employee's number of years until normal retirement age. The plan's investment valuations are generally provided on a daily basis.

**Note 11 Earnings Per Share**

Basic earnings per share are calculated by dividing net income available to common shareholders by the weighted-average shares of common stock outstanding during each period, excluding non-vested shares. The Company's diluted earnings per share are based on the weighted-average shares of common stock outstanding during each period plus the maximum dilutive effect of common stock issuable upon exercise of stock options or vesting of restricted shares. The weighted-average number of shares and equivalents are determined after giving retroactive effect to stock dividends and stock splits.

The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted earnings per share for the three months ended March 31:

(Dollars and shares in thousands)	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2012	2011
Basic earnings per share:		
Net income	\$ 7,028	\$ 2,516
Weighted-average basic shares	13,883	13,185
Basic earnings per share	\$ 0.51	\$ 0.19
Diluted earnings per share:		
Net income	\$ 7,028	\$ 2,516
Weighted-average basic shares	13,883	13,185
Effect of dilutive securities	68	88
Weighted-average dilutive shares	13,951	13,273
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 0.50	\$ 0.19

The calculation of diluted earnings per share excludes outstanding stock options that have exercise prices greater than the average market price of the common shares for the period as follows:

(Dollars in thousands)	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2012	2011

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Number of shares	<b>216,268</b>	217,873
Range of exercise prices	<b>\$31.10 - \$40.99</b>	\$26.01 - \$40.99

**Note 12 Share-Based Compensation**

The Company's 1999 and 2004 stock option programs are long-term retention programs intended to attract, retain, and provide incentives for key employees and non-employee directors in the form of incentive and non-qualified stock options and restricted stock.

Table of Contents**Note 12 Share-Based Compensation (Continued)***Stock Options*

With the exception of non-qualified stock options granted to directors under the 1999 and 2004 plans, which in some cases may be exercised at any time prior to expiration and in some other cases may be exercised at intervals less than one year following the grant date, incentive stock options granted under the plans may not be exercised in whole or in part within one year following the date of the grant, as these incentive stock options become exercisable in 25% increments pro ratably over the four-year period following the grant date. The options are granted at an exercise price at least equal to the fair value of the common stock at the date of grant and expire ten years from the date of grant. No options were granted under the 1999 plan after January 2, 2004, and the plan is closed other than for any options still unexercised and outstanding. The 2004 plan is the only plan from which new share-based compensation grants may be issued. It is the Company's policy to grant options out of the 661,500 shares registered under the 2004 plan.

Subsequent to March 31, 2012, the 2012 Omnibus Stock and Performance Plan was approved at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders and became effective on April 24, 2012. Effective April 24, 2012, no options will be granted under the 2004 plan. The 2012 plan will be the only plan from which new share-based compensation grants may be issued. Subsequent to April 24, 2012, it became the Company's policy to grant options out of the 1,684,000 shares registered under the 2012 plan, of which no more than 817,476 shares can be granted as full-value awards.

Activity in the Company's stock option plans is summarized in the following table. All information has been retroactively adjusted for stock dividends and stock splits.

Options	Number of Shares	Weighted-Average Exercise Price	Weighted-Average Remaining Contractual Life (Yrs.)	Aggregate Intrinsic Value (000 \$)
Outstanding at January 1, 2012	370,207	\$ 30.69		
Granted	28,224	31.75		
Exercised	(606)	20.61		
Expired/Forfeited	(6,403)	31.17		
Outstanding at March 31, 2012	391,422	30.77	4.90	\$ 1,134
Exercisable at March 31, 2012	317,522	30.51	4.04	\$ 1,035
Weighted-average fair value of options granted during the year	\$ 11.55			

The fair value of options is estimated at the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option pricing model and expensed over the options' vesting periods. The following weighted-average assumptions were used in valuing options issued:

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	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2012	2011
Dividend yield	<b>2.10%</b>	2.20%
Expected life	<b>6 years</b>	6 years
Expected volatility	<b>46%</b>	44%
Risk-free interest rate	<b>1.06%</b>	2.37%

Table of Contents**Note 12 Share-Based Compensation (Continued)**

As of March 31, 2012, there was \$805,000 of total unrecognized compensation cost related to nonvested stock option grants under the plans. The cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 1.73 years as of March 31, 2012. The total fair value of shares vested during the three months ended March 31, 2012 was \$386,000.

*Restricted Stock*

The Company from time-to-time also grants shares of restricted stock to key employees and non-employee directors. These awards help align the interests of these employees and directors with the interests of the shareholders of the Company by providing economic value directly related to increases in the value of the Company's stock. The value of the stock awarded is established as the fair market value of the stock at the time of the grant. The Company recognizes expenses, equal to the total value of such awards, ratably over the vesting period of the stock grants. Restricted stock grants to employees typically cliff vest after four years. On occasion, grants of restricted stock will cliff vest over a longer period, such as seven or ten years. Grants to non-employee directors typically vest within a 12-month period.

Nonvested restricted stock for the three months ended March 31, 2012 is summarized in the following table. All information has been retroactively adjusted for stock dividends and stock splits.

<b>Restricted Stock</b>	<b>Shares</b>	<b>Weighted-Average Grant-Date Fair Value</b>
Nonvested at January 1, 2012	171,704	\$ 30.32
Granted	24,106	31.75
Vested	(27,401)	29.83
Forfeited	(4,792)	32
Nonvested at March 31, 2012	163,617	30.57

As of March 31, 2012, there was \$3.9 million of total unrecognized compensation cost related to nonvested restricted stock granted under the plans. This cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 4.5 years as of March 31, 2012. The total fair value of shares vested during the three months ended March 31, 2012 was \$817,000.

**Note 13 Commitments and Contingent Liabilities**

In the normal course of business, the Company makes various commitments and incurs certain contingent liabilities, which are not reflected in the accompanying financial statements. The commitments and contingent liabilities include guarantees, commitments to extend credit, and standby letters of credit. At March 31, 2012, commitments to extend credit and standby letters of credit totaled \$697.5 million. The Company does not anticipate any material losses as a result of these transactions.

**Note 14 Fair Value**

FASB ASC 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*, defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value under accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, and enhances disclosures about fair value measurements. FASB ASC 820 clarifies that fair value should be based on the assumptions market participants would use when pricing an asset or liability and establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the information used to develop those assumptions.

The Company utilizes fair value measurements to record fair value adjustments to certain assets and liabilities and to determine fair value disclosures. Available for sale securities and derivative contracts are recorded at fair value on a recurring basis. Additionally, from time to time, the Company may be required to record at fair value other assets on a nonrecurring basis, such as loans held for sale, loans held for investment, OREO, and certain other assets. These nonrecurring fair value adjustments typically involve application of lower of cost or market accounting or write-downs of individual assets.

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**Note 14 Fair Value (Continued)**

FASB ASC 820 establishes a three-tier fair value hierarchy which prioritizes the inputs used in measuring fair value as follows:

Level 1	Observable inputs such as quoted prices in active markets;
Level 2	Inputs, other than the quoted prices in active markets, that are observable either directly or indirectly; and
Level 3	Unobservable inputs in which there is little or no market data, which require the reporting entity to develop its own assumptions.

The following is a description of valuation methodologies used for assets recorded at fair value.

*Investment Securities*

Securities available for sale are valued on a recurring basis at quoted market prices where available. If quoted market prices are not available, fair values are based on quoted market prices of comparable securities. Level 1 securities include those traded on an active exchange, such as the New York Stock Exchange and The NASDAQ Stock Market, or U.S. Treasury securities that are traded by dealers or brokers in active over-the-counter markets and money market funds. Level 2 securities include mortgage-backed securities and debentures issued by government sponsored entities, municipal bonds and corporate debt securities. Securities classified as Level 3 include asset-backed securities in less liquid markets. Securities held to maturity are valued at quoted market prices or dealer quotes similar to securities available for sale. The carrying value of Federal Reserve Bank and Federal Home Loan Bank stock approximates fair value based on their redemption provisions.

*Mortgage Loans Held for Sale*

Mortgage loans held for sale are carried at the lower of cost or market value. The fair values of mortgage loans held for sale are based on commitments on hand from investors within the secondary market for loans with similar characteristics. As such, the fair value adjustments for mortgage loans held for sale is nonrecurring Level 2.

*Loans*

The Company does not record loans at fair value on a recurring basis. However, from time to time, a loan may be considered impaired and an allowance for loan losses may be established. Loans for which it is probable that payment of interest and principal will not be made in accordance with the contractual terms of the loan agreement are considered impaired. Once a loan is identified as individually impaired, management measures impairment using estimated fair value methodologies. The fair value of impaired loans is estimated using one of several methods, including collateral value, market value of similar debt, enterprise value, liquidation value and discounted cash flows. Those impaired loans not requiring an allowance represent loans for which the fair value of the expected repayments or collateral exceed the recorded investments in such loans. At March 31, 2012, substantially all of the impaired loans were evaluated based on the fair value of the collateral

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because such loans were considered collateral dependent. Impaired loans, where an allowance is established based on the fair value of collateral, require classification in the fair value hierarchy. When the fair value of the collateral is based on an observable market price or a current appraised value, the Company considers the impaired loan as nonrecurring Level 2. When an appraised value is not available or management determines the fair value of the collateral is further impaired below the appraised value and there is no observable market price, the Company considers the impaired loan as nonrecurring Level 3.

### *Other Real Estate Owned ( OREO )*

Typically non-covered OREO, consisting of properties obtained through foreclosure or in satisfaction of loans, is reported at fair value, determined on the basis of current appraisals, comparable sales, and other estimates of value obtained principally from independent sources, adjusted for estimated selling costs (Level 2). However, both non-covered and covered OREO would be considered Level 3 in the fair value hierarchy because management has qualitatively applied a discount due to the size, supply of inventory, and the incremental discounts applied to the appraisals. At the time of foreclosure, any excess of the loan balance over the fair value of the real estate held as collateral is treated as a charge against the allowance for loan losses. Gains or losses on sale and generally any subsequent adjustments to the value are recorded as a component of OREO expense, net of any FDIC indemnification proceeds in the case of a covered OREO.



Table of Contents**Note 14 Fair Value (Continued)***Derivative Financial Instruments*

Fair value is estimated using pricing models of derivatives with similar characteristics, at which point the derivatives are classified within Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy (see Note 16 Derivative Financial Instruments for additional information).

*Assets and Liabilities Recorded at Fair Value on a Recurring Basis*

The tables below present the recorded amount of assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis.

(Dollars in thousands)	Fair Value	Quoted Prices In Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
<b>March 31, 2012:</b>				
<b>Assets</b>				
Securities available for sale:				
Government-sponsored entities debt	\$ 66,378	\$	\$ 66,378	\$
State and municipal obligations	42,008		42,008	
Mortgage-backed securities	213,809		213,809	
Corporate stocks	393	368	25	
Total securities available for sale	\$ 322,588	\$ 368	\$ 322,220	\$
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Derivative financial instruments	\$ 1,280	\$	\$ 1,280	\$
<b>December 31, 2011:</b>				
<b>Assets</b>				
Securities available for sale:				
Government-sponsored entities debt	\$ 49,603	\$	\$ 49,603	\$
State and municipal obligations	43,957		43,957	
Mortgage-backed securities	195,309		195,309	
Trust preferred (collateralized debt obligations)				
Corporate stocks	326	301	25	
Total securities available for sale	\$ 289,195	\$ 301	\$ 288,894	\$
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Derivative financial instruments	\$ 1,391	\$	\$ 1,391	\$
<b>March 31, 2011:</b>				
<b>Assets</b>				

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Securities available for sale:

Government-sponsored entities debt	\$	57,518	\$		\$	57,518	\$
State and municipal obligations		39,566				39,566	
Mortgage-backed securities		91,989				91,989	
Corporate stocks		581		556		25	
Total securities available for sale	\$	189,654	\$	556	\$	189,098	\$

**Liabilities**

Derivative financial instruments	\$	510	\$		\$	510	\$
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Table of Contents**Note 14 Fair Value (Continued)***Changes in Level 1, 2 and 3 Fair Value Measurements*

There were no transfers between the fair value hierarchy levels during the three months ended March 31, 2012.

When a determination is made to classify a financial instrument within Level 3 of the valuation hierarchy, the determination is based upon the significance of the unobservable factors to the overall fair value measurement. However, since Level 3 financial instruments typically include, in addition to the unobservable or Level 3 components, observable components (that is, components that are actively quoted and can be validated to external sources), the gains and losses below include changes in fair value due in part to observable factors that are part of the valuation methodology.

There were no changes in Level 3 assets or liabilities for the three months ended March 31, 2012. A reconciliation of the beginning and ending balances of Level 3 assets and liabilities recorded at fair value on a recurring basis for the three months ended March 31, 2011 is as follows:

<b>(Dollars in thousands)</b>	<b>Assets</b>	<b>Liabilities</b>
Fair value, January 1, 2011	\$ 2,034	\$
Change in unrealized loss recognized in other comprehensive income		95
Total realized losses included in income		
Other-than-temporary impairment losses recognized in income		
Purchases, issuances and settlements, net	(2,129)	
Transfers in and/or out of level 3		
Fair value, March 31, 2011	\$	\$

There were no unrealized losses included in accumulated other comprehensive income related to Level 3 financial assets and liabilities at March 31, 2012 or March 31, 2011.

Table of Contents**Note 14 Fair Value (Continued)***Assets and Liabilities Recorded at Fair Value on a Nonrecurring Basis*

The following table presents assets that were remeasured and reported at fair value during the three months ended March 31, 2012 and 2011.

(Dollars in thousands)	Three Months Ended March 31, 2012		Three Months Ended March 31, 2011	
	Level 2	Level 3	Level 2	Level 3
Non-acquired impaired loans that were remeasured and reported at fair value through a specific valuation allowance:				
Carrying value of impaired loans before specific valuation allowance	\$	\$ 7,323	\$	\$ 15,350
Specific valuation allowance		(1,832)		(1,095)
Fair value	\$	\$ 5,491	\$	\$ 14,255
Non-acquired foreclosed properties remeasured at initial recognition:				
Carrying value of foreclosed properties prior to remeasurement	\$	\$ 5,173	\$	\$ 2,514
Charge-offs recognized in the allowance for loan losses		(352)		(866)
Fair value	\$	\$ 4,821	\$	\$ 1,648
Non-acquired foreclosed properties remeasured subsequent to initial recognition:				
Carrying value of foreclosed properties prior to remeasurement	\$	\$ 6,423	\$	\$ 9,441
Write-downs included in non-interest expense		(1,288)		(1,897)
Fair value	\$	\$ 5,135	\$	\$ 7,544

*Quantitative Information About Level 3 Fair Value Measurements*

	Valuation Technique	Unobservable Input	General Range
<b>Nonrecurring measurements:</b>			
Covered under FDIC loss share agreements:			
OREO	Discounted appraisals	Collateral discounts and estimated costs to sell	0-50%
Non-acquired:			
Impaired loans	Discounted appraisals	Collateral discounts	0-50%
OREO	Discounted appraisals	Collateral discounts and estimated costs to sell	0-50%

*Fair Value of Financial Instruments*

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The following methods and assumptions were used by the Company in estimating its fair value disclosures for financial instruments. In cases where quoted market prices are not available, fair values are based on estimates using present value or other valuation techniques. Those models are significantly affected by the assumptions used, including the discount rates and estimates of future cash flows. In that regard, the derived fair value estimates cannot be substantiated by comparison to independent markets and, in many cases, could not be realized in immediate settlement of the instrument. The use of different methodologies may have a material effect on the estimated fair value amounts. The fair value estimates presented herein are based on pertinent information available to management as of March 31, 2012, December 31, 2011 and March 31, 2011. Such amounts have not been revalued for purposes of these consolidated financial statements since those dates and, therefore, current estimates of fair value may differ significantly from the amounts presented herein.

The following methods and assumptions were used to estimate the fair value of each class of financial instruments for which it is practicable to estimate that value:

*Cash and Cash Equivalents* The carrying amount is a reasonable estimate of fair value.

*Investment Securities* Securities held to maturity are valued at quoted market prices or dealer quotes. The carrying value of Federal Reserve Bank stock and FHLB stock approximates fair value based on their redemption provisions. The carrying value of the Company's investment in unconsolidated subsidiaries approximates fair value. See Note 5 Investment Securities for additional information, as well as page 36 regarding fair value.

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**Note 14 Fair Value (Continued)**

*Loans* For variable-rate loans that reprice frequently and with no significant change in credit risk, fair values are based on carrying values. Fair values for certain mortgage loans (e.g., one-to-four family residential) and other consumer loans are estimated using discounted cash flow analyses based on the Company's current rates offered for new loans of the same type, structure and credit quality. Fair values for other loans (e.g., commercial real estate and investment property mortgage loans, commercial and industrial loans) are estimated using discounted cash flow analyses, using interest rates currently being offered by the Company for loans with similar terms to borrowers of similar credit quality. Fair values for non-performing loans are estimated using discounted cash flow analyses or underlying collateral values, where applicable.

*FDIC Receivable for Loss Share Agreements* The fair value is estimated based on discounted future cash flows using current discount rates.

*Deposit Liabilities* The fair values disclosed for demand deposits (e.g., interest and non-interest bearing checking, passbook savings, and certain types of money market accounts) are, by definition, equal to the amount payable on demand at the reporting date (i.e., their carrying amounts). The carrying amounts of variable-rate, fixed-term money market accounts, and certificates of deposit approximate their fair values at the reporting date. Fair values for fixed-rate certificates of deposit are estimated using a discounted cash flow calculation that applies interest rates currently being offered on certificates to a schedule of aggregated expected monthly maturities on time deposits.

*Federal Funds Purchased and Securities Sold Under Agreements to Repurchase* The carrying amount of federal funds purchased, borrowings under repurchase agreements, and other short-term borrowings maturing within ninety days approximate their fair values.

*Other Borrowings* The fair value of other borrowings is estimated using discounted cash flow analysis on the Company's current incremental borrowing rates for similar types of instruments.

*Accrued Interest* The carrying amounts of accrued interest approximate fair value.

*Commitments to Extend Credit, Standby Letters of Credit and Financial Guarantees* The fair values of commitments to extend credit are estimated using the fees currently charged to enter into similar agreements, taking into account the remaining terms of the agreements and the present creditworthiness of the counterparties. For fixed-rate loan commitments, fair value also considers the difference between current levels of interest rates and the committed rates. The fair values of guarantees and letters of credit are based on fees currently charged for similar agreements or on the estimated costs to terminate them or otherwise settle the obligations with the counterparties at the reporting date.

Table of Contents**Note 14 Fair Value (Continued)**

The estimated fair value, and related carrying amount, of the Company's financial instruments are as follows:

(Dollars in thousands)	March 31, 2012				
	Carrying Amount	Fair Value	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
<b>Financial assets:</b>					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 403,222	\$ 403,222	\$ 403,222	\$	\$
Investment securities	357,448	358,544	18,660	339,884	
Loans, net of allowance for loan losses, and loans held for sale	2,759,202	2,787,818		34,706	2,753,112
FDIC receivable for loss share agreements	231,331	143,643			143,643
Accrued interest receivable	9,253	9,253		9,253	
<b>Financial liabilities:</b>					
Deposits	3,356,637	3,324,145		3,324,145	
Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase	235,412	235,412		235,412	
Other borrowings	46,397	49,128		49,128	
Accrued interest payable	1,688	1,688		1,688	
Interest rate swap - cash flow hedge	1,280	1,280		1,280	
<b>Off balance sheet financial instruments:</b>					
Commitments to extend credit		7,025		7,025	
Standby letters of credit and financial guarantees					
<b>December 31, 2011</b>					
(Dollars in thousands)	Carrying Amount	Fair Value	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
<b>Financial assets:</b>					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 171,425	\$ 171,425	\$ 171,425	\$	\$
Investment securities	324,056	325,351	18,593	306,758	
Loans, net of allowance for loan losses, and loans held for sale	2,837,588	2,859,513		45,809	2,813,704
FDIC receivable for loss share agreements	262,651	202,313			202,313
Accrued interest receivable	11,527	11,527		11,527	
<b>Financial liabilities:</b>					
Deposits	3,254,472	3,222,547		3,222,547	
Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase	180,436	180,436		180,436	
Other borrowings	46,683	48,915		48,915	
Accrued interest payable	2,254	2,254		2,254	
Interest rate swap - cash flow hedge	1,391	1,391		1,391	
<b>Off balance sheet financial instruments:</b>					
Commitments to extend credit		7,657		7,657	
Standby letters of credit and financial guarantees					





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The components of accumulated other comprehensive income, net of tax, were as follows:

(Dollars in thousands)	Benefit Plans	Unrealized Gains on Securities Available for Sale	Cash Flow Hedges	Total
Balance at December 31, 2011	\$ (7,823)	\$ 5,934	\$ (860)	\$ (2,749)
Change in net unrealized gain on securities available for sale		(202)		(202)
Reclassification of noncredit other-than-temporary impairment losses on available-for-sale securities				
Change in unrealized losses on derivative financial instruments qualifying as cash flow hedges			69	69
Balance at March 31, 2012	\$ (7,823)	\$ 5,732	\$ (791)	\$ (2,882)

**Note 16 Derivative Financial Instruments**

The Company is exposed to interest rate risk in the course of its business operations and manages a portion of this risk through the use of a derivative financial instrument, in the form of an interest rate swap (cash flow hedge). The Company accounts for its interest rate swap in accordance with FASB ASC 815, Derivatives and Hedging, which requires that all derivatives be recognized as assets or liabilities in the balance sheet at fair value. For more information regarding the fair value of the Company's derivative financial instruments, see Note 14 to these financial statements. The only type of derivative currently used by the Company is an interest rate swap agreement.

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**Note 16 Derivative Financial Instruments (Continued)**

The Company utilizes the interest rate swap agreement to essentially convert a portion of its variable-rate debt to a fixed rate (cash flow hedge). For derivatives designated as hedging exposure to variable cash flows of a forecasted transaction (cash flow hedge), the effective portion of the derivative's gain or loss is initially reported as a component of other comprehensive income and subsequently reclassified into earnings when the forecasted transaction affects earnings or when the hedge is terminated. The ineffective portion of the gain or loss is reported in earnings immediately. For derivatives that are not designated as hedging instruments, changes in the fair value of the derivatives are recognized in earnings immediately.

In applying hedge accounting for derivatives, the Company establishes a method for assessing the effectiveness of the hedging derivative and a measurement approach for determining any ineffective aspect of the hedge upon the inception of the hedge.

*Cash Flow Hedge of Interest Rate Risk*

During 2009, the Company entered into a forward starting interest rate swap agreement with a notional amount of \$8.0 million to manage interest rate risk due to periodic rate resets on its junior subordinated debt issued by SCBT Capital Trust II, an unconsolidated subsidiary of the Company established for the purpose of issuing trust preferred securities. The Company hedges the variable rate cash flows of subordinated debt against future interest rate increases by using an interest rate swap to effectively fix the rate on the debt beginning on June 15, 2010, at which time the debt contractually converted from a fixed interest rate to a variable interest rate. This hedge expires on June 15, 2019. The notional amount on which the interest payments are based will not be exchanged. This derivative contract calls for the Company to pay a fixed rate of 4.06% on \$8.0 million notional amount and receive a variable rate of three-month LIBOR on the \$8.0 million notional amount.

The Company recognized an after-tax unrealized loss on its cash flow hedge in other comprehensive income of \$792,000 and \$329,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively. The Company recognized a \$1.3 million and a \$510,000 cash flow hedge liability in other liabilities on the balance sheet at March 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively. There was no ineffectiveness in the cash flow hedge during the three months ended March 31, 2012 and 2011.

Credit risk related to the derivative arises when amounts receivable from the counterparty (derivative dealer) exceed those payable. The Company controls the risk of loss by only transacting with derivative dealers that are national market makers whose credit ratings are strong. Each party to the interest rate swap is required to provide collateral in the form of cash or securities to the counterparty when the counterparty's exposure to a mark-to-market replacement value exceeds certain negotiated limits. These limits are typically based on current credit ratings and vary with ratings changes. As of March 31, 2012 and 2011, SCBT was required to provide \$1.4 million and \$150,000 of collateral, respectively, which is included in cash and cash equivalents on the balance sheet as interest-bearing deposits with banks. Also, the Company has a netting agreement with the counterparty.

**Note 17 Subsequent Events**

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The Company has evaluated subsequent events for accounting and disclosure purposes through the date the financial statements are issued.

### *Peoples Bancorporation Acquisition*

On April 24, 2012, the Company completed the previously announced acquisition of Peoples Bancorporation, Inc. ( Peoples ), of Easley, South Carolina, the bank holding company for The Peoples National Bank ( PNB ), Bank of Anderson ( BOA ), and Seneca National Bank ( SNB ). At March 31, 2012, Peoples reported \$524.0 million in total assets, \$276.3 million in loans and \$448.0 million in deposits. PNB has five banking offices in the upstate of South Carolina; BOA has two banking offices in Anderson, South Carolina; and SNB has one banking office in Seneca, South Carolina. The three subsidiary banks initially became divisions of SCBT, N.A. and will ultimately be converted onto the operating platform of the Bank.

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**Note 17 Subsequent Events (Continued)**

Under the terms of the Agreement and Plan of Merger (the Merger Agreement), Peoples shareholders received aggregate consideration of 1,003,225 shares of SCBT common stock plus cash in lieu of fractional shares. In addition, all outstanding stock options were valued using a Black Scholes methodology and the holders of outstanding options will receive cash. The stock consideration is based upon a fixed exchange ratio of 0.1413 shares of SCBT common stock for each of the outstanding shares of Peoples common stock, which as of April 24, 2012 totaled 7,099,963 shares of common stock, including 60,700 shares of restricted stock that vested immediately on the date of the acquisition. The stock consideration was valued at closing based upon SCBT's closing stock price on the last trading date prior to the date of acquisition, or \$31.06 per share. Based on this closing stock price, the stock consideration was valued at approximately \$31.3 million in the aggregate or \$4.39 per fully diluted Peoples share. In addition, SCBT purchased and canceled all of Peoples preferred stock held by the United States Treasury (TARP preferred stock), Series T and W, for \$13.4 million, including the accrued and unpaid dividend of \$132,000. The aggregate consideration given by SCBT for Peoples, including the TARP preferred stock was \$44.7 million.

The acquisition will be accounted for under the acquisition method of accounting in accordance with ASC 805, *Business Combinations*. Both the purchased assets and liabilities assumed will be recorded at their respective acquisition date fair values. Determining the fair value of assets and liabilities, especially the loan portfolio and foreclosed real estate, is a complicated process involving significant judgment regarding estimates and assumptions used to calculate estimated fair values. Accordingly, the initial accounting for the Peoples merger is currently incomplete. The Company expects to record goodwill in connection with the transaction during the three months ended June 30, 2012; however, since the initial purchase accounting adjustments have not been finalized, the Company is unable to provide the amount or a range of the ultimate goodwill, or the estimated fair values of the acquired assets and liabilities of Peoples at the present time. Therefore, pro forma financial information is not considered meaningful or currently possible for purposes of these consolidated financial statements.

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**Item 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations relates to the financial statements contained in this Quarterly Report beginning on page 1. For further information, refer to Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations appearing in the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011.

**Overview**

We are a bank holding company headquartered in Columbia, South Carolina, and were incorporated under the laws of South Carolina in 1985. We provide a wide range of banking services and products to our customers through our wholly-owned bank subsidiary, SCBT, N.A. (the "Bank"), a national bank that opened for business in 1934. We operate as NCBT, a division of the Bank, in Mecklenburg County of North Carolina, and Community Bank & Trust ("CBT"), a division of the Bank, in northeast Georgia. We do not engage in any significant operations other than the ownership of our banking subsidiary.

At March 31, 2012, we had just over \$4.0 billion in assets and 1,061 full-time equivalent employees. Through the Bank, we provide our customers with checking accounts, NOW accounts, savings and time deposits of various types, brokerage services and alternative investment products such as annuities and mutual funds, trust and asset management services, business loans, agriculture loans, real estate loans, personal use loans, home improvement loans, automobile loans, credit cards, letters of credit, home equity lines of credit, safe deposit boxes, bank money orders, wire transfer services, correspondent banking services, and use of ATM facilities.

We have pursued, and continue to pursue, a growth strategy that focuses on organic growth, supplemented by acquisition of select financial institutions, branches, or failed bank assets and liabilities in certain market areas.

The following discussion describes our results of operations for the quarter ended March 31, 2012 as compared to the quarter ended March 31, 2011 and also analyzes our financial condition as of March 31, 2012 as compared to December 31, 2011 and March 31, 2011. Like most financial institutions, we derive most of our income from interest we receive on our loans and investments. Our primary source of funds for making these loans and investments is our deposits, on which we may pay interest. Consequently, one of the key measures of our success is the amount of our net interest income, or the difference between the income on our interest-earning assets, such as loans and investments, and the expense on our interest-bearing liabilities, such as deposits. Another key measure is the spread between the yield we earn on these interest-earning assets and the rate we pay on our interest-bearing liabilities.

Of course, there are risks inherent in all loans, so we maintain an allowance for loan losses (sometimes referred to as "ALLL") to absorb probable losses on existing loans that may become uncollectible. We establish and maintain this allowance by charging a provision for loan losses against our operating earnings. In the following section, we have included a detailed discussion of this process.

In addition to earning interest on our loans and investments, we earn income through fees and other expenses we charge to our customers. We describe the various components of this noninterest income, as well as our noninterest expense, in the following discussion.

The following section also identifies significant factors that have affected our financial position and operating results during the periods included in the accompanying financial statements. We encourage you to read this discussion and analysis in conjunction with the financial statements and the related notes and the other statistical information also included in this report.

## Recent Events

### *Merger Peoples Bancorporation, Inc.*

On April 24, 2012, the Company completed the acquisition of Peoples Bancorporation, Inc. ( Peoples ), of Easley, South Carolina, the bank holding company for The Peoples National Bank ( PNB ), Bank of Anderson ( BOA ), and Seneca National Bank ( SNB ). See Note 17 Subsequent Events for further discussion.

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**Government Actions**

In response to the challenges facing the financial services sector, beginning in 2008 a multitude of new regulatory and governmental actions have been announced, including, among others, the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008, the Troubled Asset Relief Program (the TARP ), the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the Recovery Act ), the Dodd Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (the Dodd-Frank Act ), the Jumpstart Our Business Startup Act (the JOBS Act ) and related economic recovery programs.

The Dodd-Frank Act limits interchange transaction fees that banks receive from merchants via card networks like Visa, Inc. and MasterCard, Inc. when a customer uses a debit card. In June 2011, the Federal Reserve approved a final debit card interchange rule in accordance with the Dodd-Frank Act. The final rule caps an issuer's base fee at 21 cents per transaction and allows an additional 5 basis point charge per transaction to help cover fraud losses. Although the rule technically does not apply to institutions with less than \$10 billion in assets, such as the Bank, the price controls may affect institutions with less than \$10 billion in assets, such as the Bank, which may be pressured by the marketplace to lower their own interchange rates. We believe that regulations promulgated under the Dodd-Frank Act also will ultimately impose significant new compliance costs. We will continue to monitor the regulations as they are implemented and will review our policies, products and procedures to insure full compliance but also attempt to minimize any negative impact on our operations.

On July 21, 2011, the Federal Reserve's Final Rule repealing Regulation Q, which prohibited the payment of interest on demand deposits, became effective. As a result of this repeal, our Bank has the option of offering interest bearing demand deposits, and may incur increased interest costs for funding if we elect to offer such deposit accounts.

On September 21, 2011, the Federal Reserve's Federal Open Market Committee ( FOMC ) announced that, in order to support a stronger economic recovery and to help ensure that inflation, over time, is at levels consistent with its statutory mandate, it had decided to extend the average maturity of its holdings of securities. In addition, the FOMC announced that it intended to purchase, by the end of June 2012, \$400 billion of Treasury securities with remaining maturities of three years or less in order to put downward pressure on longer-term interest rates and help make broader financial conditions more accommodative. Further, to help support conditions in mortgage markets, the FOMC announced that it intends to now reinvest in agency mortgage-backed securities the principal payments from its holdings of agency debt and agency mortgage-backed securities.

On April 5, 2012, the U.S. President signed the Jumpstart Our Business Startup Act (the JOBS Act ), which is intended to stimulate economic growth by helping smaller and emerging growth companies access the U.S. capital markets. The JOBS Act amends various provisions of, and adds new sections to, the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as well as provisions of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. The SEC has been directed to issue rules implementing certain JOBS Act amendments. We are currently evaluating the effects that the JOBS Act and the regulations adopted pursuant to the JOBS Act will have on the Company.

For additional information on recent government actions, please reference PART II, Item 1A, Risk Factors on page 65 of this Form 10-Q and the caption Government Actions within PART I, Item 1 Business in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011.

**Critical Accounting Policies**

We have established various accounting policies that govern the application of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States in the preparation of our financial statements. Significant accounting policies are described in Note 1 to the audited consolidated financial statements in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011. These policies may involve significant judgments and estimates that have a material impact on the carrying value of certain assets and liabilities. Different assumptions made in the application of these policies could result in material changes in our financial position and results of operations.

*Allowance for Loan Losses*

The allowance for loan losses reflects the estimated losses that will result from the inability of our bank's borrowers to make required loan payments. In determining an appropriate level for the allowance, we identify portions applicable to specific loans as well as providing amounts that are not identified with any specific loan but are derived with reference to actual loss experience, loan types, loan volumes, economic conditions, and industry standards. Changes in these factors may cause our estimate of the allowance to increase or decrease and result in adjustments to the provision for loan losses. See Note 6 Loans and Allowance for Loan Losses in this 10-Q, Provision for Loan Losses and Nonperforming Assets in this MD&A and Allowance for Loan Losses in



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Note 1 to the audited consolidated financial statements in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011 for further detailed descriptions of our estimation process and methodology related to the allowance for loan losses.

***Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets***

Goodwill represents the excess of the purchase price over the sum of the estimated fair values of the tangible and identifiable intangible assets acquired less the estimated fair value of the liabilities assumed. As of March 31, 2012, December 31, 2011 and March 31, 2011, the balance of goodwill was \$62.9 million. Goodwill has an indefinite useful life and is evaluated for impairment annually or more frequently if events and circumstances indicate that the asset might be impaired. An impairment loss is recognized to the extent that the carrying amount exceeds the asset's fair value. The goodwill impairment analysis is a two-step test. The first step, used to identify potential impairment, involves comparing each reporting unit's estimated fair value to its carrying value, including goodwill. If the estimated fair value of a reporting unit exceeds its carrying value, goodwill is considered not to be impaired. If the carrying value exceeds estimated fair value, there is an indication of potential impairment and the second step is performed to measure the amount of impairment.

If required, the second step involves calculating an implied fair value of goodwill for each reporting unit for which the first step indicated impairment. The implied fair value of goodwill is determined in a manner similar to the amount of goodwill calculated in a business combination, by measuring the excess of the estimated fair value of the reporting unit, as determined in the first step, over the aggregate estimated fair values of the individual assets, liabilities and identifiable intangibles as if the reporting unit was being acquired in a business combination. If the implied fair value of goodwill exceeds the carrying value of goodwill assigned to the reporting unit, there is no impairment. If the carrying value of goodwill assigned to a reporting unit exceeds the implied fair value of the goodwill, an impairment charge is recorded for the excess. An impairment loss cannot exceed the carrying value of goodwill assigned to a reporting unit, and the loss establishes a new basis in the goodwill. Subsequent reversal of goodwill impairment losses is not permitted. Management has determined that the Company has one reporting unit.

Our stock price has historically traded above its book value and tangible book value. The lowest price during the quarter the stock traded was \$29.16 per share, and the stock price closed on March 31, 2012 at \$32.71, which is above book value and tangible book value. In the event our stock was to consistently trade below its book value during the reporting period, we would consider performing an evaluation of the carrying value of goodwill as of the reporting date. Such a circumstance would be one factor in our evaluation that could result in an eventual goodwill impairment charge. We evaluated the carrying value of goodwill as of April 30, 2012, our annual test date, and determined that no impairment charge was necessary. Additionally, should our future earnings and cash flows decline and/or discount rates increase, an impairment charge to goodwill and other intangible assets may be required.

Core deposit intangibles, included in other assets in the condensed consolidated balance sheets, consist of costs that resulted from the acquisition of deposits from other financial institutions or the estimated fair value of these assets acquired through business combinations. Core deposit intangibles represent the estimated value of long-term deposit relationships acquired in these transactions. These costs are amortized over the estimated useful lives of the deposit accounts acquired on a method that we believe reasonably approximates the anticipated benefit stream from the accounts. The estimated useful lives are periodically reviewed for reasonableness.

***Income Taxes and Deferred Tax Assets***

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Income taxes are provided for the tax effects of the transactions reported in the accompanying consolidated financial statements and consist of taxes currently due plus deferred taxes related primarily to differences between the basis of available-for-sale securities, allowance for loan losses, accumulated depreciation, net operating loss carryforwards, accretion income, deferred compensation, intangible assets, and pension plan and post-retirement benefits. The deferred tax assets and liabilities represent the future tax return consequences of those differences, which will either be taxable or deductible when the assets and liabilities are recovered or settled. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are reflected at income tax rates applicable to the period in which the deferred tax assets or liabilities are expected to be realized or settled. As changes in tax laws or rates are enacted, deferred tax assets and liabilities are adjusted through the provision for income taxes. The Company files a consolidated federal income tax return with its subsidiary.

The Company recognizes interest and penalties accrued relative to unrecognized tax benefits in its respective federal or state income taxes accounts. As of December 31, 2011, there were no accruals for uncertain tax positions and no accruals for interest and penalties. The Company and its subsidiary file a consolidated United States federal income tax return, as well as income tax returns for its subsidiary in the state of South Carolina, Georgia, and North Carolina. The Company's filed income tax returns are no longer subject to examination by taxing authorities for years before 2008.

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***Other-Than-Temporary Impairment ( OTTI )***

We evaluate securities for other-than-temporary impairment at least on a quarterly basis, and more frequently when economic or market concerns warrant such evaluation. Consideration is given to (1) the length of time and the extent to which the fair value has been less than cost, (2) the financial condition and near-term prospects of the issuer, (3) the outlook for receiving the contractual cash flows of the investments, (4) the anticipated outlook for changes in the general level of interest rates, and (5) our intent and ability to retain our investment in the issuer for a period of time sufficient to allow for any anticipated recovery in fair value or for a debt security whether it is more-likely-than-not that the Company will be required to sell the debt security prior to recovering its fair value. For further discussion of the Company's evaluation of securities for other-than-temporary impairment, see Note 5 to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

***Other Real Estate Owned ( OREO )***

OREO, consisting of properties obtained through foreclosure or through a deed in lieu of foreclosure in satisfaction of loans or through reclassification of former branch sites, is reported at the lower of cost or fair value, determined on the basis of current appraisals, comparable sales, and other estimates of value obtained principally from independent sources, adjusted for estimated selling costs. Management also considers other factors, including changes in absorption rates, length of time the property has been on the market and anticipated sales values, which have resulted in adjustments to the collateral value estimates indicated in certain appraisals. At the time of foreclosure or initial possession of collateral, any excess of the loan balance over the fair value of the real estate held as collateral is treated as a charge against the allowance for loan losses. For acquired OREO, the loan is transferred into OREO at its fair value not to exceed the carrying value of the loan at foreclosure. Subsequent adjustments to this value are described below.

Subsequent declines in the fair value of OREO below the new cost basis are recorded through valuation adjustments. Significant judgments and complex estimates are required in estimating the fair value of other real estate, and the period of time within which such estimates can be considered current is significantly shortened during periods of market volatility. In response to market conditions and other economic factors, management may utilize liquidation sales as part of its problem asset disposition strategy. As a result of the significant judgments required in estimating fair value and the variables involved in different methods of disposition, the net proceeds realized from sales transactions could differ significantly from appraisals, comparable sales, and other estimates used to determine the fair value of other real estate. Management reviews the value of other real estate each quarter and adjusts the values as appropriate. Revenue and expenses from OREO operations as well as gains or losses on sales and any subsequent adjustments to the value are recorded as OREO expense and loan related expense, a component of non-interest expense, and, for covered OREO, offset with an increase in the FDIC indemnification asset.

***Business Combinations, Method of Accounting for Loans Acquired, and FDIC Indemnification Asset***

We account for acquisitions under Financial Accounting Standards Board ( FASB ) Accounting Standards Codification ( ASC ) Topic 805, *Business Combinations*, which requires the use of the acquisition method of accounting. All identifiable assets acquired, including loans, are recorded at fair value. No allowance for loan losses related to the acquired loans is recorded on the acquisition date because the fair value of the loans acquired incorporates assumptions regarding credit risk.

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Acquired credit-impaired loans are accounted for under the accounting guidance for loans and debt securities acquired with deteriorated credit quality, found in FASB ASC Topic 310-30, *Receivables Loans and Debt Securities Acquired with Deteriorated Credit Quality*, formerly American Institute of Certified Public Accountants ( AICPA ) Statement of Position (SOP) 03-3, *Accounting for Certain Loans or Debt Securities Acquired in a Transfer*, and initially measured at fair value, which includes estimated future credit losses expected to be incurred over the life of the loans. Loans acquired in business combinations with evidence of credit deterioration are considered impaired. Loans acquired through business combinations that do not meet the specific criteria of FASB ASC Topic 310-30, but for which a discount is attributable, at least in part to credit quality, are also accounted for under this guidance.

In accordance with FASB ASC Topic 805, the FDIC indemnification asset was initially recorded at its fair value and is measured separately from the loan assets and foreclosed assets because the loss sharing agreements are not contractually embedded in them or transferrable with them in the event of disposal.

For further discussion of the Company's loan accounting and acquisitions, see Note 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, Note 4 Mergers and Acquisitions to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements and Note 6 Loans and Allowance for Loan Losses to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

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**Results of Operations**

We reported consolidated net income available to common shareholders of \$7.0 million, or diluted earnings per share ( EPS ) of \$0.50, for the first quarter of 2012 as compared to consolidated net income available to common shareholders of \$2.5 million, or diluted EPS of \$0.19, in the comparable period of 2011. This \$4.5 million increase was the net result of the following items:

- Improved net interest income of \$6.2 million due primarily to the improved yields of acquired loans and reduced interest expense on deposits;
- Improved provision for loan losses which decreased by \$7.9 million over the comparable quarter; offset by
- A decrease in non-interest income of \$6.4 million due primarily to the \$5.5 million pre-tax gain from the Habersham acquisition recorded in the first quarter of 2011 and a \$2.8 million increase in the negative accretion on the FDIC indemnification asset. All other categories of non-interest income showed improvement;
- An increase in non-interest expenses by \$995,000. The increases consisted of \$1.4 million in salaries and benefits; \$199,000 related to OREO and loan related expenses; \$253,000 in furniture and equipment expenses; and \$194,000 in other expenses; offset by a \$442,000 decline in the FDIC assessment and other regulatory charges; a \$513,000 decline in merger-related expenses; and a \$277,000 decline in net occupancy expense.

We believe our asset quality related to non-acquired loans continues to be at manageable levels and improved from the end of 2011. Nonperforming assets in total dollars declined from \$94.9 million at December 31, 2011 to \$91.4 million at March 31, 2012. Compared to the balance of nonperforming assets at March 31, 2011, the increase was \$623,000 due to the increase in other real estate owned ( OREO ). During the first quarter of 2012, classified assets declined from the end of 2011 and from the level at March 31, 2011, by \$6.9 million and \$9.6 million, respectively, to \$177.5 million at March 31, 2012. Loans 30-89 days past due declined by \$1.9 million and \$5.1 million from the level at December 31, 2011 and March 31, 2011, respectively, to \$7.3 million at March 31, 2012. Annualized net charge-offs for the first quarter of 2012 was 0.66%, the lowest level since the fourth quarter of 2008.

The allowance for loan losses decreased to 1.95% of total non-acquired loans at March 31, 2012, down from 2.00% at December 31, 2011 and 2.05% at March 31, 2011. The allowance provides 0.68 times coverage of nonperforming loans at March 31, 2012, slightly higher than 0.64 times at December 31, 2011, and level at March 31, 2011. During the first quarter of 2012, our OREO not covered under FDIC loss share agreements increased by \$3.4 million from the end of 2011 and increased by \$1.6 million from March 31, 2011 to \$21.4 million at March 31, 2012.

The Company performs ongoing assessments of the estimated cash flows of its acquired loan portfolios. Increases in cash flow expectations result in a favorable adjustment to interest income over the remaining life of the related loans, and decreases in cash flow expectations result in an immediate recognition of a provision for loans losses, in both cases, net of any adjustments to the receivable from the FDIC for loss sharing. These ongoing assessments of the acquired loan portfolio resulted in a positive impact to interest income from a reduction in expected credit losses, which was partially offset by a charge to noninterest income for the impact of reduced cash flows from the FDIC under the loss share agreement during the first quarter of 2012. Below is a summary of the first quarter of 2012 assessment of the estimated cash flows of the acquired loan portfolio and the related impact on the indemnification asset:

- The review of the performance of the loan pools during the first quarter resulted in a net increase in the overall cash flow expectations for the acquired loan pools;
- The negative accretion of the indemnification asset also increased due to the reduced cash flow expected from loss share. This resulted in negative accretion increasing for the CBT and Habersham indemnification assets.
- The yield on acquired loans is expected to increase in the second quarter of 2012, partially offset by an increase in negative accretion related to the indemnification asset in noninterest income.

As of March 31, 2012, the Company has not made any changes to the estimated cash flow assumptions or expected losses for the acquired BankMeridian assets based on its evaluation of expected cash flows.

Compared to the fourth quarter of 2011, our non-acquired loan portfolio has decreased \$33.3 million or 5.4%, to \$2.4 billion, driven by a decline of \$31.6 million or 21%, in construction / land development loans and commercial non-owner occupied loans. The acquired loan portfolio decreased by \$33.1 million or 32.9% as expected from the end of 2011, as payoffs, charge-offs and transfers to OREO continue within this portfolio. For the three months ended March 31, 2012, mortgage loans originated and sold in the secondary market declined by \$11.1 million as refinancing activity and home sales declined seasonally.

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Non-taxable equivalent net interest income for the quarter increased 18.9% compared to the first quarter of 2011. Non-taxable equivalent net interest margin decreased by 7 basis points to 4.66% from the fourth quarter of 2011 of 4.73%, due to the decline in acquired loan portfolio interest income yield of 58 basis points. This decline was mostly offset by an increase in the non-acquired loan portfolio yield which increased from 4.89% to 4.97% at March 31, 2012. Compared to the first quarter of 2011, net interest margin increased by 54 basis points for the first quarter of 2012, due to improved expected cash flows on acquired loans over the expected remaining life of these loans and reduced interest expense on both time deposits and other borrowings. Excess liquidity resulting from strong core deposit growth, decline in time deposits, loan payoffs, and collection of the FDIC indemnification asset continues to compress the net interest margin. Our quarterly efficiency ratio decreased to 72.0% compared to 73.1% in the fourth quarter of 2011, but increased from 70.2% in the first quarter of 2011. The decrease in the efficiency ratio compared to the fourth quarter of 2011 reflects lower noninterest expenses. The higher efficiency ratio on a year over year basis reflects higher noninterest expenses than first quarter of 2011 by \$1.0 million. There was decline in noninterest income compared to the first quarter of 2011 due to \$5.5 million pre-tax gain recorded from the Habersham Bank acquisition offset by higher net interest income from the asset growth which occurred during 2011.

Diluted EPS increased to \$0.50 for the first quarter of 2012 from \$0.19 for the comparable period in 2011. Basic EPS increased to \$0.51 for the first quarter of 2012 from \$0.19 for the comparable period in 2011. The increase in both diluted and basic EPS reflects the increase in net interest income and decrease in the provision for loan losses, offset by the decrease in noninterest income and the increase in noninterest expense.

Selected Figures and Ratios	Three Months Ended	
	2012	March 31, 2011
Return on average assets (annualized)	0.71%	0.27%
Return on average equity (annualized)	7.37%	2.94%
Return on average tangible equity (annualized)*	9.57%	4.15%
Dividend payout ratio **	49.48%	424.00%
Equity to assets ratio	9.55%	9.24%
Average shareholders equity (in thousands) \$	383,377	\$ 347,074

\* - Ratio is a non-GAAP financial measure. The section titled Reconciliation of Non-GAAP to GAAP below provides a table that reconciles non-GAAP measures to GAAP measures.

\*\* - See explanation of the change in dividend payout ratio below.

- For the three months ended March 31, 2012, return on average assets ( ROAA ), return on average equity ( ROAE ) and return on average tangible equity increased compared to the same quarter in 2011. The increase was driven by a 179.3% increase in net income from the comparable quarter in 2011 partially offset by an increase in average assets due to the acquisitions of Habersham and BankMeridian.

- Dividend payout ratio increased to 49.48% for the three months ended March 31, 2012 compared with 23.07% for the three months ended December 31, 2011 and decreased compared to 424.0% for the three months ended March 31, 2011. The decrease from the comparable period in 2011 reflects the higher net income in the fourth quarter of 2011 generated by a decrease in the provision for loan losses and provision for income taxes. The dividend payout ratio is calculated by dividing total dividends paid during the quarter by the total net income reported in the prior quarter.

- Equity to assets ratio increased to 9.55% at March 31, 2012 compared with 9.24% at March 31, 2011. The increase in the equity to assets ratio reflects a 2.1% increase in assets as a result of the BankMeridian acquisition and organic growth compared to the 5.6% increase in

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equity as a result of the Company's retained earnings from 2011, which included gains on the BankMeridian acquisition.

- Average shareholders' equity increased \$36.3 million, or 10.5%, from the quarter ended March 31, 2012 driven by the private placement offering and the gains on the Habersham acquisition during the first quarter of 2011 and the BankMeridian acquisition during the third quarter of 2011.



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(Dollars in thousands)	Three Months Ended	
	2012	March 31, 2011
Return on average tangible equity (non-GAAP)	9.57%	4.15%
Effect to adjust for intangible assets	-2.20%	-1.21%
Return on average equity (GAAP)	7.37%	2.94%
Adjusted average shareholders' equity (non-GAAP) \$	309,288	\$ 274,063
Average intangible assets	74,089	73,011
Average shareholders' equity (GAAP) \$	383,377	\$ 347,074
Adjusted net income (non-GAAP) \$	7,360	\$ 2,807
Amortization of intangibles	(500)	(446)
Tax effect	168	155
Net income (GAAP) \$	7,028	\$ 2,516

The return on average tangible equity is a non-GAAP financial measure. It excludes the effect of the average balance of intangible assets and adds back the after-tax amortization of intangibles to GAAP basis net income. Management believes that this non-GAAP tangible measure provides additional useful information, particularly since this measure is widely used by industry analysts following companies with prior merger and acquisition activities. Non-GAAP measures should not be considered as an alternative to any measure of performance or financial condition as promulgated under GAAP, and investors should consider the company's performance and financial condition as reported under GAAP and all other relevant information when assessing the performance or financial condition of the company. Non-GAAP measures have limitations as analytical tools, and investors should not consider them in isolation or as a substitute for analysis of our results or financial condition as reported under GAAP.

**Net Interest Income and Margin****Summary**

Our taxable equivalent (TE) net interest margin increased from the first quarter of 2011, due to the growth in interest earning assets from both the Habersham Bank and the BankMeridian FDIC-assisted acquisitions, organic loan growth, and an increase in low cost funding in core deposits and a decline in time deposits. The net interest margin declined from the fourth quarter of 2011, primarily due to lower yields earned on the acquired loan portfolio, as well as increases in excess liquidity resulting from significant growth in core deposits, lower acquired loan balances, and lower non-acquired loan balances. There was improvement in yields of acquired loans related mostly to the CBT portfolio and to a lesser degree the Habersham Bank portfolio when comparing the first quarter of 2012 to the first quarter of 2011. On a linked quarter basis, this yield declined by approximately 55 basis points. The improved year over year yield was substantially offset by the negative accretion on the indemnification asset recognized in noninterest income, from reduced expected cash flows under the loss share agreements (LSA). Non-TE and TE net interest margin increased by 54 and 52 basis points, respectively, from the quarter ended March 31, 2011. Non-TE and TE net interest margin decreased by 7 and 8 basis points, respectively, from the quarter ended December 31, 2011.

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SCBT remained in an excess liquidity position during the first quarter of 2012, and the impact represented an estimated 17 basis points reduction in the net interest margin compared to 7 basis points from the fourth quarter of 2011. The decline in linked quarter net interest margin was also the result of yields declining on interest earning assets faster than reducing the pricing of funding. The rate earned on interest earning assets declined by 16 basis points from the fourth quarter of 2011, while interest bearing liabilities declined by 9 basis points. While the average balance of total non-acquired loans (excluding mortgage loans held for sale) increased \$145.5 million from the first quarter of 2011, the yield earned on these assets declined by 23 basis points. On a linked quarter, average non-acquired loans declined by \$11.3 million from the fourth quarter of 2011, while the rate earned on these assets increased by 8 basis points.

Net interest income increased from the first quarter of 2011 and was driven by a reduced cost of funds and by an improved yield on interest earning assets. Certificates of deposit average rates declined by 56 basis points compared to the same quarter one year ago, and declined by 12 basis points from the fourth quarter of 2011. The year over year decline in interest expense totaled \$3.2 million, as the cost of certificates dropped and the mix of funding shifted to lower costing transaction accounts. Non-TE net interest income increased from the first quarter of 2011

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as a result of a volume increase in interest-earning assets as well as an 11 basis point increase in the average yield. The cost on interest bearing liabilities decreased by 58 basis points during this period. Non-acquired loan balances as well as average investment securities were up and contributed to the increase in non-TE net interest income. The increase in interest income was \$3.0 million driven by the increase in loan volume primarily from organic loan growth as well as improved yields on the acquired loan portfolio.

(Dollars in thousands)	Three Months Ended	
	2012	March 31, 2011
Non-TE net interest income	\$ 39,038	\$ 32,846
Non-TE yield on interest-earning assets	5.04%	4.93%
Non-TE rate on interest-bearing liabilities	0.45%	0.90%
Non-TE net interest margin	4.66%	4.12%
TE net interest margin	4.70%	4.18%

Non-TE net interest income increased \$6.2 million, or 18.9%, in the first quarter of 2012 compared to the same period in 2011. Some key highlights are outlined below:

- Average interest-earning assets increased 4.4% to \$3.4 billion in the first quarter of 2012 compared to the same period last year due largely to the acquisitions of Habersham and BankMeridian.
- Non-TE yield on interest-earning assets for the first quarter of 2012 increased 11 basis points from the comparable period in 2011, and decreased by 16 basis points from the fourth quarter of 2011. The yield on a portion of our earning assets adjusts simultaneously, but to varying degrees of magnitude, with changes in the general level of interest rates.
- The average cost of interest-bearing liabilities for the first quarter of 2012 decreased 45 basis points from the same period in 2011, and decreased by 9 basis points compared to the fourth quarter of 2011. The decrease since the first quarter of 2011 and the fourth quarter of 2011 is a reflection of certificates of deposits repricing at lower interest rates as well as higher costing certificate balances accounting for a smaller portion of our total deposits.
- TE net interest margin increased by 52 basis points in the first quarter of 2012, compared to the first quarter of 2011. Compared to the fourth quarter of 2011, TE net interest margin decreased by 8 basis points.

**Loans**

Total loans, net of deferred loan costs and fees, (excluding mortgage loans held for sale) increased by \$40.3 million, or 1.5%, at March 31, 2012 as compared to the same period in 2011. Acquired loans decreased by \$48.8 million. The decline in acquired CBT and Habersham loans was partially offset by the increase from the addition of loans acquired in the BankMeridian acquisition. Non-acquired loans or legacy SCBT loans increased by \$89.0 million, or 3.8%, from March 31, 2011 to March 31, 2012. The increase was driven by loan growth in commercial owner occupied loans of \$137.6 million, consumer owner occupied loans of \$67.7 million, consumer non-real estate of \$11.9 million, and commercial and industrial of \$9.7 million. Offsetting the growth were reductions in construction and land development loans of \$75.6 million, commercial non-owner occupied of \$48.7 million, and other loans of \$6.7 million.



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The following table presents a summary of the loan portfolio by category:

(Dollars in thousands)	March 31, 2012	% of Total	December 31, 2011	% of Total	March 31, 2011	% of Total
Acquired loans	\$ 369,144	13.2%	\$ 402,201	14.0%	\$ 417,894	15.1%
Non-acquired loans:						
Commercial non-owner occupied real estate:						
Construction and land development	294,865	10.5%	310,845	10.8%	370,442	13.4%
Commercial non-owner occupied	284,044	10.1%	299,698	10.4%	332,773	12.0%
Total commercial non-owner occupied real estate	578,909	20.6%	610,543	21.3%	703,215	25.4%
Consumer real estate:						
Consumer owner occupied	407,697	14.5%	391,529	13.6%	339,948	12.3%
Home equity loans	258,054	9.2%	264,986	9.2%	263,331	9.5%
Total consumer real estate	665,751	23.7%	656,515	22.9%	603,279	21.8%
Commercial owner occupied real estate	744,441	26.5%	742,890	25.9%	606,795	21.9%
Commercial and industrial	216,083	7.7%	220,454	7.7%	206,348	7.5%
Other income producing property	130,177	4.6%	140,693	4.9%	131,909	4.8%
Consumer non real estate	85,350	3.0%	85,342	3.0%	73,464	2.7%
Other	16,603	0.7%	14,128	0.4%	23,299	0.7%
Total non-acquired loans	2,437,314	86.8%	2,470,565	86.0%	2,348,309	84.9%
Total loans (net of unearned income)	\$ 2,806,458	100.0%	\$ 2,872,766	100.0%	\$ 2,766,203	100.0%

Note: Loan data excludes mortgage loans held for sale.

Our loan portfolio remains our largest category of interest-earning assets. Non-acquired commercial non-owner occupied real estate loans represented 20.6% of total loans as of March 31, 2012 a decrease from 25.4% of total loans at the end of the same period for 2011 and 21.3% of total loans at December 31, 2011. At March 31, 2012, non-acquired construction and land development loans represented 10.5% of our total loan portfolio, a decrease from 13.4% of our total loan portfolio at March 31, 2011. At March 31, 2012, non-acquired construction and land development loans consisted of \$198.0 million in land and lot loans and \$96.9 million in construction loans, which represented 8.1% and 4.0%, respectively, of our total non-acquired loan portfolio. At December 31, 2011, non-acquired construction and land development loans consisted of \$206.0 million in land and lot loans and \$104.8 million in construction loans, which represented 8.3% and 4.2%, respectively, of our total non-acquired loan portfolio.

(Dollars in thousands)	Three Months Ended	
	2012	2011
Average total loans	\$ 2,813,748	\$ 2,670,962
Interest income on total loans	39,456	36,683
Non-TE yield	5.64%	5.57%

Interest earned on loans increased \$2.9 million, or 8.0%, in the first quarter of 2012 compared to the first quarter of 2011. Some key highlights for the quarter ended March 31, 2012 are outlined below:

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- Our non-TE yield on total loans increased 11 basis points during the first quarter of 2012 while average total loans increased 5.3%, as compared to the first quarter of 2011. The increase in average total loans was a result of the growth in both non-acquired loans and acquired loans, due to the BankMeridian acquisition during the third quarter of 2011. The acquired loan portfolio effective yield improved due to improved cash flows and reduced credit loss expectations. This resulted in a yield of 10.2%, compared to approximately 7.9% one year ago.
- Acquired loans had a balance of \$369.1 million at the end of the first quarter of 2012 compared to \$417.9 million in 2011.
- Construction and land development loans decreased \$75.6 million, or 20.4%, to \$294.9 million from the ending balance at March 31, 2011. We have continued to reduce the level of these loans in our portfolio given the current economic environment and the risk involved.
- Commercial non-owner occupied loans decreased \$48.7 million, or 14.6%, to \$284.0 million from the ending balance at March 31, 2011.

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- Consumer real estate loans increased \$62.5 million, or 10.4%, to \$665.8 million from the ending balance at March 31, 2011. The increase resulted from a \$67.7 million, or 19.9%, in consumer owner occupied loans and a \$5.3 million, or 2.0%, decrease in home equity lines of credit ( HELOCs ) from the balance at March 31, 2011.
- Commercial owner occupied loans increased \$137.6 million, or 22.7%, to \$744.4 million from the ending balance at March 31, 2011.
- Commercial and industrial loans increased \$9.7 million, or 4.7%, to \$216.1 million from the ending balance at March 31, 2011.
- Consumer non-real estate loans increased \$11.9 million, or 16.2%, to \$85.4 million from the ending balance at March 31, 2011.
- Commercial loans and HELOCs with interest rate floors locked in above 5.00% had a balance of \$188.1 million, which has helped keep our non-TE yield up.

The balance of mortgage loans held for sale decreased \$11.1 million from December 31, 2011 to \$34.7 million at March 31, 2012, and increased by \$24.0 million compared to the balance of mortgage loans held for sale at March 31, 2011 of \$10.8 million. The decrease from December 31, 2011 is a reflection of the decline in customer demand for mortgage refinancing.

*Investment Securities*

We use investment securities, our second largest category of earning assets, to generate interest income through the employment of excess funds, to provide liquidity, to fund loan demand or deposit liquidation, and to pledge as collateral for public funds deposits and repurchase agreements. At March 31, 2012, investment securities totaled \$357.4 million, compared to \$324.1 million at December 31, 2011 and \$233.2 million at March 31, 2011. The increase in investment securities from the comparable period of 2011 was primarily the result of the purchase of \$193.3 million of investment securities as well as the acquisition of \$35.4 million in BankMeridian investment securities partially offset by \$108.2 million in maturing or called securities that were purchased in higher interest rate environments. This resulted in average and period-end balances increasing by 30.7% and 53.3%, respectively, from March 31, 2011.

(Dollars in thousands)	Three Months Ended	
	2012	March 31, 2011
Average investment securities	\$ 324,473	\$ 248,317
Interest income on investment securities	2,231	2,074
Non-TE yield	2.77%	3.39%

Interest earned on investment securities increased 7.6% in the first quarter of 2012 compared to the first quarter of 2011. The increase resulted largely from the \$76.2 million increase in average investment securities for the first quarter, which was largely the result of purchases of GSEs and mortgage-backed securities as well as the addition of the BankMeridian investment securities, partially offset by a 62 basis point decrease in the average yield.





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Our holdings of GSE debt, state and municipal obligations, mortgage-backed securities, and equity securities at March 31, 2012 had fair market values that, on a net basis, exceeded their book values and resulted in an unrealized gain. The following table provides a summary of the credit ratings for our investment portfolio (including held-to-maturity and available-for-sale securities) at the end of the first quarter of 2012:

(Dollars in thousands)	Amortized Cost	Fair Value	Other Comprehensive Income	AAA - A	BBB	BB or Lower	Not Rated
<b>March 31, 2012:</b>							
Government-sponsored entities debt	\$ 65,505	\$ 66,378	\$ 873	\$ 65,505		\$	\$
State and municipal obligations	55,667	59,672	4,005	53,175	1,323		1,169
Mortgage-backed securities *	208,564	213,809	5,245				208,564
Corporate stocks	240	393	153				240
	\$ 329,976	\$ 340,252	\$ 10,276	\$ 118,680	\$ 1,323		\$ 209,973

\* - Agency mortgage-backed securities ( MBS ) are guaranteed by the issuing GSE as to the timely payments of principal and interest. Except for Government National Mortgage Association ( GNMA ) securities, which have the full faith and credit backing of the United States Government, the GSE alone is responsible for making payments on this guaranty. While the rating agencies have not rated any of the MBS issued, senior debt securities issued by GSEs are rated consistently as Triple-A. Most market participants consider agency MBS as carrying an implied AAA rating because of the guarantees of timely payments and selection criteria of mortgages backing the securities. We do not own any private label mortgage-backed securities.

At March 31, 2012, we had twelve securities available for sale in an unrealized loss position, which totaled \$202,000.

During the first quarter of 2012 as compared to the first quarter of 2011, the total number of securities with an unrealized loss position decreased by seventeen securities, while the total dollar amount of the unrealized loss decreased by \$409,000.

All securities available for sale in an unrealized loss position as of March 31, 2012 continue to perform as scheduled. We have evaluated the cash flows and determined that all contractual cash flows should be received; therefore impairment is temporary because we have the ability to hold these securities within the portfolio until the maturity or until the value recovers and we believe that it is not likely that we will be required to sell these securities prior to recovery. We continue to monitor all of these securities with a high degree of scrutiny. There can be no assurance that we will not conclude in future periods that conditions existing at that time indicate some or all of these securities are other than temporarily impaired, which would require a charge to earnings in such periods. Any charges for OTTI related to securities available-for-sale would not impact cash flow, tangible capital or liquidity.

Although securities classified as available for sale may be sold from time to time to meet liquidity or other needs, it is not our normal practice to trade this segment of the investment securities portfolio. While management generally holds these assets on a long-term basis or until maturity, any short-term investments or securities available for sale could be converted at an earlier point, depending partly on changes in interest rates and alternative investment opportunities.

**Other Investments**

Other investment securities include primarily our investments in Federal Reserve Bank stock and Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta ( FHLB ) stock, each with no readily determinable market value. The amortized cost and fair value of all these securities are equal at March 31, 2012. As of March 31, 2012, the investment in FHLB stock represented approximately \$9.9 million, or 0.2% as a percentage of total assets. The following factors have been evaluated and considered in determining the carrying amount of the FHLB stock:

- We evaluate ultimate recoverability of the par value.
- We currently have sufficient liquidity or have access to other sources of liquidity to meet all operational needs in the foreseeable future, and would not have the need to dispose of this stock below the recorded amount.
- Historically, the FHLB does not allow for discretionary purchases or sales of this stock. Redemptions of the stock occur at the discretion of the FHLB, subsequent to the maturity or redemption of outstanding advances held by the member institutions.
- Given the expectation that the various FHLBs have a high degree of government support, we have determined that the debt ratings are likely to remain unchanged and the FHLB has the ability to absorb economic losses.
- Our holdings of FHLB stock are not intended for the receipt of dividends or stock growth, but for the purpose and right to receive advances, or funding. We deem the FHLB s process of determining after each quarter end whether it will pay a

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dividend and, if so, the amount, as essentially similar to standard practice by most dividend-paying companies. Based on the FHLB's performance over the past ten consecutive quarters, starting with the second quarter 2009, the FHLB has announced a dividend payment after each quarter's performance, with the most recent dividend payment of 1.23% on March 28, 2012 related to the fourth quarter 2011.

- Subsequent to March 31, 2012, the FHLB redeemed \$1.4 million of our investment at par value on April 9, 2012.

For the reasons above, we have concluded that our holdings of FHLB stock are not other than temporarily impaired as of March 31, 2012 and ultimate recovery of the par value of this investment is probable.

***Interest-Bearing Liabilities***

Interest-bearing liabilities include interest-bearing transaction accounts, savings deposits, CDs, other time deposits, federal funds purchased, and other borrowings. Interest-bearing transaction accounts include NOW, HSA, IOLTA, and Market Rate checking accounts.

(Dollars in thousands)	Three Months Ended	
	2012	March 31, 2011
Average interest-bearing liabilities	\$ 2,846,175	\$ 2,886,392
Interest expense	3,182	6,409
Average rate	0.45%	0.90%

The average balance of interest-bearing liabilities decreased in the first quarter of 2012 compared to the first quarter of 2011. The decrease in interest expense was largely driven by a decline in the average rates on CDs and other time deposits. Overall, we experienced a 45 basis point decrease in the average rate on all interest-bearing liabilities. Some key highlights are outlined below:

- Average interest-bearing deposits for the three months ended March 31, 2012 declined 1.6% from the same period in 2011.
- Interest-bearing deposits declined 4.2% to \$2.6 billion at March 31, 2012 from the period end balance at March 31, 2011, as the Company continues to monitor and adjust rates paid on deposit products as part of its strategy to manage its net interest margin.
- The average rate on transaction and money market account deposits for the three months ended March 31, 2012 decreased 42 basis points from the comparable period in 2011, which contributed to a decrease of \$1.2 million in interest expense for the first quarter of 2012. The impact of the decrease in rates was partially offset by an increase in volume as the average balance increased \$179.6 million to \$1.4 billion at March 31, 2012 compared to the same quarter in 2011.
- Average certificates and other time deposits decreased 23.0%, down \$259.9 million from the average balance in the first quarter of 2011. Interest expense on certificates and other time deposits decreased \$1.9 million mainly as a result of a 56 basis point decrease in the interest rate for the three months ended March 31, 2012 as compared to the same period in 2011.
- Other borrowings decreased 4.3%, down \$2.1 million, from the average balance in the first quarter of 2011.

- A decline in interest rates contributed significantly to a \$3.2 million, or 50.4%, reduction in interest expense on average interest-bearing liabilities for the three months ended March 31, 2012 from the comparable period in 2011.

#### *Noninterest-Bearing Deposits*

Noninterest-bearing deposits (or demand deposits) are transaction accounts that provide our Bank with interest-free sources of funds. Average noninterest-bearing deposits increased \$161.1 million, or 29.9%, to \$700.4 million in the first quarter of 2012 compared to \$539.3 million at March 31, 2011. From the fourth quarter of 2011, average noninterest-bearing deposits grew \$24.4 million, or 3.6%. Excluding deposits acquired in the BankMeridian acquisition, period end noninterest-bearing deposits increased \$144.4 million, or 23.8%, from the balance at March 31, 2011.

#### **Provision for Loan Losses and Nonperforming Assets**

We have established an allowance for loan losses through a provision for loan losses charged to expense. The ALLL represents an amount we believe will be adequate to absorb probable losses on existing loans that may become uncollectible. We assess the adequacy of the ALLL by using an internal risk rating system, independent credit reviews, and regulatory agency examinations all of which evaluate the quality of the loan portfolio and seek to identify problem loans. Based on this analysis,

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management and the board of directors consider the current allowance to be adequate. Nevertheless, our evaluation is inherently subjective as it requires estimates that are susceptible to significant change. Actual losses may vary from our estimates, and there is a possibility that charge-offs in future periods could exceed the ALLL as estimated at any point in time.

In addition, regulatory agencies, as an integral part of the examination process, periodically review our Bank's ALLL. Such agencies may require additions to the ALLL based on their judgments about information available to them at the time of their examination.

Loans acquired in the CBT, Habersham, and BankMeridian acquisitions were recorded at their acquisition date fair value, which was based on expected cash flows and included an estimation of expected future loan losses. Our initial estimates of credit losses on loans acquired in the BankMeridian acquisitions continue to be adequate, and there is no evidence of additional credit deterioration that would require additional loan loss reserves as of March 31, 2012, nor changes in our initial valuation estimates. Under current accounting principles, information regarding our estimate of loan fair values may be adjusted for a period of up to one year as we continue to refine our estimate of expected future cash flows in the acquired portfolio. If we determine that losses arise after the acquisition date, generally the additional losses will be reflected as a provision for loan losses, and offset with an increase in the FDIC indemnification asset. See Note 2 in the notes to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements for further discussion of the method of accounting for acquired loans.

During the first quarter of 2012, we established a net loan loss reserve of \$2.7 million on certain acquired loan pools due to evidence of additional credit deterioration subsequent to December 31, 2011, which resulted in a \$425,000 net provision for loan losses on acquired loans.

The following table presents a summary of the changes in the ALLL for the three months ended March 31, 2012 and 2011:

(Dollars in thousands)	Three Months Ended March 31,					
	Non-acquired Loans	2012 Acquired Loans	Total	Non-acquired Loans	2011 Acquired Loans	Total
Balance at beginning of period	\$ 49,367	\$ 31,620	\$ 80,987	\$ 47,512		\$ 47,512
Loans charged-off	(5,760)		(5,760)	(9,322)		(9,322)
Recoveries of loans previously charged off	1,702		1,702	625		625
Net charge-offs	(4,058)		(4,058)	(8,697)		(8,697)
Provision for loan losses	2,298	2,735	5,033	9,349	25,833	35,182
Benefit attributable to FDIC loss share agreements		(2,310)	(2,310)		(24,541)	(24,541)
Total provision for loan losses charged to operations	2,298	425	2,723	9,349	1,292	10,641
Provision for loan losses recorded through the FDIC loss share receivable		2,310	2,310		24,541	24,541
Balance at end of period	\$ 47,607	\$ 34,355	\$ 81,962	\$ 48,164	\$ 25,833	\$ 73,997
Total non-acquired loans:						
At period end	\$ 2,437,314			\$ 2,348,309		
Average	2,456,080			2,310,586		
	0.66%			1.53%		

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Net charge-offs as a percentage of average non-acquired loans (annualized)

Allowance for loan losses as a percentage of period end non-acquired loans	<b>1.95%</b>	2.05%
Allowance for loan losses as a percentage of period end non-performing non-acquired loans ( NPLs )	<b>68.02%</b>	68.44%

The allowance for loan losses as a percent of average non-acquired loans reflects a decrease due primarily to the decrease in our classified loans, nonaccrual loans, loans contractually past due 30 to 89 days, and non-performing loans during the first quarter of 2012 compared to the same quarter in 2011. Fifty-six percent of the charge-off amount for the first quarter of 2012 is comprised of ten loans ranging from approximately \$143,000 to \$715,000. The remainder of the charge-offs were less than \$142,000 per loan for the quarter. Of the total net charge-offs during the quarter, 5.7% or \$230,000 were construction and land development loans, 24.3% or \$986,000 were commercial non-owner occupied loans, 36.8% or \$1.5 million were commercial owner-occupied loans, 18.6% or \$753,000 were consumer owner-occupied loans (including home equity loans), 5.4% or \$220,000 were commercial and industrial loans, and 4.5% or \$182,000 were other income producing property loans. We remain aggressive in charging off loans resulting from the decline in the appraised value of the underlying collateral (real estate) and the overall concern that borrowers will be unable to meet the contractual payments of principal and interest. Additionally, there continues to be concern about the economy as a whole

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and the market conditions throughout certain regions of the Southeast. Excluding covered assets, nonperforming loans decreased by \$391,000 during the first quarter of 2012 compared to the first quarter of 2011 and decreased by \$6.9 million from the fourth quarter of 2011. The ratio of the ALLL to cover these loans decreased from 68.4% at March 31, 2011 to 68.0% at March 31, 2012.

We decreased the ALLL compared to the first quarter of 2011 and the end of 2011, due primarily to the improvement in asset quality metrics during the first quarter of 2012. On a general basis, we consider three-year historical loss rates on all loan portfolios, except residential lot loans where two-year historical loss rates are applied. We also consider economic risk, model risk and operational risk when determining the ALLL. All of these factors are reviewed and adjusted each reporting period to account for management's assessment of loss within the loan portfolio. Overall, the general reserve decreased \$2.3 million compared to the balance at March 31, 2011 and by \$1.2 million from December 31, 2011.

The historical loss rates on an overall basis increased from March 31, 2011 due to the increase in loan losses in the first quarter of 2012 when compared to the removal of much lower historical loss rates in our rolling averages. This resulted in an increase of 5 basis points in the ALLL, given the rise in losses throughout the portfolio. Compared to the fourth quarter of 2011, the increase was 3 basis points.

Economic risk decreased by 3 basis points during the first quarter of 2012 as compared to 2011 due to the decline in unemployment and improved home sales. Compared to the fourth quarter of 2011, economic risk remained consistent due to the relatively flat trend in unemployment.

Model risk remained consistent with the fourth quarter of 2011 and declined 3 basis points compared to the first quarter of 2011. This risk comes from the fact that our ALLL model is not all-inclusive. Risk inherent with new products, new markets, and timeliness of information are examples of this type of exposure. Management has reduced this factor since our model has been used for three years, and we believe more adequately addresses this inherent risk in our loan portfolio.

Operational risk consists of the underwriting, documentation, closing and servicing associated with any loan. This risk is managed through policies and procedures, portfolio management reports, best practices and the approval process. The risk factors evaluated include the following: exposure outside our deposit footprint, changes in underwriting standards, levels of past due loans, loan growth, supervisory loan to value exceptions, results of external loan reviews, our centralized loan documentation process and significant loan concentrations. We believe that the overall operational risk has declined by 16 basis points during the first quarter of 2012 compared to the first quarter of 2011, and by 5 basis points from the fourth quarter of 2011. This improvement was due primarily to the decrease in 30-89 days past due loans, improved levels of classified loans, reduced exposure outside of the depository footprint, lower exposure to certain loan concentrations and the decrease in supervisory loan to value exceptions in the first quarter of 2012.

On a specific reserve basis, the allowance for loan losses decreased slightly by \$573,000 from December 31, 2011, and increased by approximately \$1.8 million from March 31, 2011. The loan balances being evaluated for specific reserves increased from \$49.7 million at March 31, 2011 to \$57.1 million at March 31, 2012. Our practice, generally, is that once a specific reserve is established for a loan, a charge off occurs in the quarter subsequent to the establishment of the specific reserve.

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During the three months ended March 31, 2012, the growth in our total nonperforming assets ( NPAs ) was reflective of the continued pressure on the real estate market and economy, along with acquired NPAs. The table below summarizes our NPAs.

(Dollars in thousands)	March 31, 2012	December 31, 2011	September 30, 2011	June 30, 2011	March 31, 2011
Nonaccrual loans (1)	\$ 59,278	\$ 64,170	\$ 61,163	\$ 57,806	\$ 58,870
Accruing loans past due 90 days or more	130	926	495	94	339
Restructured loans - nonaccrual	10,578	11,807	11,698	10,880	11,168
Total nonperforming loans	69,986	76,903	73,356	68,780	70,377
Other real estate owned ( OREO ) (2)	21,381	18,022	22,686	24,900	19,816
Other nonperforming assets (3)	24	24	24	50	575
Total nonperforming assets excluding covered assets	91,391	94,949	96,066	93,730	90,768
Covered OREO (2)	61,788	65,849	79,739	74,591	77,286
Other covered nonperforming assets (3)	215	251	347	408	308
Total nonperforming assets including covered assets	\$ 153,394	\$ 161,049	\$ 176,152	\$ 168,729	\$ 168,362
<b>Excluding Acquired Assets</b>					
Total NPAs as a percentage of total loans and repossessed assets (4)	3.72%	3.82%	3.87%	3.86%	3.83%
Total NPAs as a percentage of total assets	2.26%	2.44%	2.44%	2.44%	2.29%
Total NPLs as a percentage of total loans (4)	2.87%	3.11%	2.98%	2.86%	3.00%
<b>Including Acquired Assets</b>					
Total NPAs as a percentage of total loans and repossessed assets (4)	5.31%	5.45%	5.91%	5.87%	5.88%
Total NPAs as a percentage of total assets	3.79%	4.13%	4.48%	4.39%	4.25%
Total NPLs as a percentage of total loans (4)	2.49%	2.68%	2.55%	2.48%	2.54%

(1) Excludes the acquired loans that are contractually past due 90 days or more totaling \$82.8 million, \$97.6 million, \$91.6 million, \$89.9 million, and \$110.7 million as of March 31, 2012, December 31, 2011, September 30, 2011, June 30, 2011 and March 31, 2011, respectively, including the valuation discount. Acquired loans are considered to be performing due to the application of the accretion method under FASB ASC Topic 310-30. (For further discussion of the Company's application of the accretion method, see *Business Combinations, Method of Accounting for Loans Acquired, and FDIC Indemnification Asset* under Note 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies).

(2) Includes certain real estate acquired as a result of foreclosure and property not intended for bank use.

(3) Consists of non-real estate foreclosed assets, such as repossessed vehicles.

(4) Loan data excludes mortgage loans held for sale.

Excluding the acquired loans, total nonaccrual loans, including restructured loans, were \$69.9 million, or 2.87% of total loans, a decrease of \$182,000 or 0.3% from March 31, 2011. The decrease in nonaccrual loans was driven by a decrease in consumer nonaccrual loans of \$2.9 million, partially offset by an increase in commercial nonaccrual loans of \$2.7 million. Excluding covered properties, OREO increased \$1.6 million from March 31, 2011.



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Nonaccrual non-acquired loans and restructured loans decreased by approximately \$6.1 million during the first quarter of 2012 from the level at December 31, 2011. This decrease was the result of charge-offs, short sales, and payoffs of nonaccrual loans exceeding the additional nonaccrual loans for the quarter.

At March 31, 2012, non-covered OREO increased by \$3.4 million from December 31, 2011. At March 31, 2012, non-covered OREO consisted of 93 properties with an average value of \$230,000, an increase of \$30,000 from December 31, 2011 when we had 90 properties. In the first quarter of 2012, we added 27 properties with an aggregate value of \$7.9 million into non-covered OREO, and we sold 24 properties with a basis of \$2.6 million in the quarter. We recorded a net gain on sales of \$43,000 for the quarter. Our non-covered OREO balance of \$21.4 million at March 31, 2012 is comprised of 9% in the Low Country region, 9% in the Georgetown/Myrtle Beach region, 15% in the Charleston region, 34% in the Beaufort (Hilton Head) region, 11% in the Charlotte region, 5% in the Midlands region and 3% in the Upstate (Greenville) region.

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Overall, we continue to believe that the loan portfolio remains manageable in terms of charge-offs and NPAs as a percentage of total loans. Given the industry-wide rise in credit costs, we have taken additional proactive measures to identify problem loans, including in-house and independent review of larger transactions. Our policy for evaluating problem loans includes obtaining new certified real estate appraisals as needed. We continue to monitor and review frequently the overall asset quality within the loan portfolio.

**Potential Problem Loans**

Potential problem loans (excluding acquired loans), which are not included in nonperforming loans, amounted to approximately \$17.5 million, or 0.72%, of total non-acquired loans outstanding at March 31, 2012, compared to \$12.8 million, or 0.55%, of total non-acquired loans outstanding at March 31, 2011, and compared to \$14.4 million, or 0.58% of total non-acquired loans outstanding at December 31, 2011. Potential problem loans represent those loans where information about possible credit problems of the borrowers has caused management to have serious concern about the borrower's ability to comply with present repayment terms.

**Noninterest Income**

(Dollars in thousands)	Three Months Ended	
	2012	March 31, 2011
Service charges on deposit accounts	\$ 5,447	\$ 5,030
Bankcard services income	3,320	2,659
Mortgage banking income	1,830	863
Trust and investment services income	1,397	1,249
Gain on acquisition		5,528
Securities gains		323
Accretion on FDIC indemnification asset	(3,233)	(401)
Other	712	622
Total noninterest income	\$ 9,473	\$ 15,873

Excluding the \$5.5 million pre-tax gain from the Habersham acquisition during the first quarter of 2011, noninterest income decreased 5.3% in the first quarter of 2012 as compared to the same period in 2011. The quarterly decrease in total noninterest income primarily resulted from the following:

- Accretion on the FDIC indemnification asset decreased \$2.8 million, resulting from a decrease in expected cash flows, which was first identified in the first quarter of 2011. This decrease in expected cash flows from the FDIC was driven by improvement in the cash flows in certain acquired loan pools during the first quarter of 2012.
- Mortgage banking income increased 112.1%, driven by a \$967,000 increase in mortgage banking income generated from legacy SCBT due to lower interest rates and increased volume of mortgage banking activity in the secondary market during the first quarter of 2012.
- Bankcard services income increased 24.9%, largely driven by an increase in debit card income. Debit card income increased 21.9%, or \$473,000, due primarily to a larger customer base than in 2011.

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- Service charges on deposit accounts increased 8.3%, driven by a \$259,000 increase in insufficient funds fees and a \$137,000 decrease in charge-offs on automatic overdraft protection fees.

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(Dollars in thousands)	Three Months Ended	
	2012	March 31, 2011
Salaries and employee benefits	\$ 18,048	\$ 16,646
OREO expense and loan related	2,716	2,517
Information services expense	2,468	2,322
Net occupancy expense	2,248	2,525
Furniture and equipment expense	2,239	1,986
FDIC assessment and other regulatory charges	1,037	1,479
Advertising and marketing	757	909
Business development and staff related	752	805
Professional fees	633	449
Amortization of intangibles	500	446
Merger-related expense	96	609
Other	3,725	3,531
Total noninterest expense	\$ 35,219	\$ 34,224

Noninterest expense increased 2.9% in the first quarter of 2012 as compared to the same period in 2011. The quarterly increase in total noninterest expense primarily resulted from the following:

- Salaries and employee benefits expense increased 8.4%, driven by increases in incentives, merit pay, retirement benefits, and payroll taxes during the first quarter of 2012.
- Furniture and equipment expense increased 12.7%, driven primarily by higher costs on equipment service contracts and an increase in depreciation and amortization expense.
- Merger-related expenses decreased 84.2% due to the lower merger costs incurred to date related to the Peoples Acquisition compared to the expenses related to the Habersham acquisition which occurred in the first quarter of 2011.
- The FDIC assessment and other regulatory charges decreased 29.9%, or \$442,000 due to the change in methodology for how the FDIC assessment is calculated.
- Net occupancy expense decreased 11.0%, driven primarily by the decrease in lease expense as a result of the branch consolidations during the fourth quarter of 2011 and early 2012.
- Other expenses increased due primarily to operational charge offs related to fraudulent wires and an increase in business/ license taxes.

**Income Tax Expense**

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Our effective income tax rate decreased to 33.5% for the quarter ended March 31, 2012 compared to 34.7% for the quarter ended March 31, 2011. The lower effective tax rate is attributable to tax exempt income on municipal bonds making up a larger percentage of pre-tax net income for the quarter ended March 31, 2012.

### Capital Resources

Our ongoing capital requirements have been met primarily through retained earnings, less the payment of cash dividends. Equity increased during the first quarter by net income, or \$7.0 million, less the dividend paid during the quarter of approximately \$2.4 million. As of March 31, 2012, shareholders' equity was \$386.5 million, an increase of \$4.7 million, or 1.2%, from \$381.8 million at December 31, 2011, and an increase of \$20.5 million or 5.6% from \$366.1 million at March 31, 2011. Our equity-to-assets ratio decreased to 9.55% at March 31, 2012 from 9.80% at the end of the fourth quarter of 2011 and increased from 9.24% at the end of the comparable period of 2011.

We are subject to certain risk-based capital guidelines. Certain ratios measure the relationship of capital to a combination of balance sheet and off-balance sheet risks. The values of both balance sheet and off-balance sheet items are adjusted to reflect credit risk. Under the guidelines promulgated by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, which are substantially similar to those of the OCC, Tier 1 risk-based capital must be at least 4% of risk-weighted assets, while total risk-based capital must be at least 8% of risk-weighted assets.

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In conjunction with the risk-based capital ratios, the regulatory agencies have also prescribed a leverage capital ratio for assessing capital adequacy.

The Company's capital adequacy ratios for the following periods are reflected below:

	March 31, 2012	December 31, 2011	March 31, 2011
<b>SCBT Financial Corporation:</b>			
Tier 1 risk-based capital	14.55%	14.09%	13.96%
Total risk-based capital	15.82%	15.36%	15.23%
Tier 1 leverage	9.23%	9.12%	9.04%
<b>SCBT, N.A.:</b>			
Tier 1 risk-based capital	14.34%	13.88%	13.22%
Total risk-based capital	15.62%	15.15%	14.50%
Tier 1 leverage	9.11%	8.99%	8.57%

Compared to December 31, 2011 and March 31, 2011, our Tier 1 risk-based capital, total risk-based capital, and Tier 1 leverage ratio have increased due primarily to the increase in capital from net income. A decrease in risk-weighted assets also contributed to the improvements in Tier 1 risk-based capital and total risk-based capital. This decrease was driven by the increase in cash and cash equivalents which have a lower-risk weighting. Our capital ratios are currently well in excess of the minimum standards and continue to be in the well capitalized regulatory classification.

**Liquidity**

Liquidity refers to our ability to generate sufficient cash to meet our financial obligations, which arise primarily from the withdrawal of deposits, extension of credit and payment of operating expenses. Our Asset Liability Management Committee (ALCO) is charged with monitoring these policies, which are designed to ensure acceptable composition of asset/liability mix. Two critical areas of focus for ALCO are interest rate sensitivity and liquidity risk management. We have employed our funds in a manner to provide liquidity from both assets and liabilities sufficient to meet our cash needs.

Asset liquidity is maintained by the maturity structure of loans, investment securities and other short-term investments. Management has policies and procedures governing the length of time to maturity on loans and investments. Normally, changes in the earning asset mix are of a longer-term nature and are not utilized for day-to-day corporate liquidity needs.

Our liabilities provide liquidity on a day-to-day basis. Daily liquidity needs are met from deposit levels or from our use of federal funds purchased, securities sold under agreements to repurchase and other short-term borrowings. We engage in routine activities to retain deposits intended to enhance our liquidity position. These routine activities include various measures, such as the following:

- Emphasizing relationship banking to new and existing customers, where borrowers are encouraged and normally expected to maintain deposit accounts with our Bank,
- Pricing deposits, including certificates of deposit, at rate levels that will attract and/or retain balances of deposits that will enhance our Bank's asset/liability management and net interest margin requirements, and
- Continually working to identify and introduce new products that will attract customers or enhance our Bank's appeal as a primary provider of financial services.

Our legacy SCBT loan portfolio increased by approximately \$89.0 million, or about 3.8% compared to the balance at March 31, 2011. Our investment securities portfolio increased \$124.2 million during this same time period. Total cash and cash equivalents were \$403.2 million at March 31, 2012 as compared to \$171.4 million at December 31, 2011 and \$412.7 million at March 31, 2011.

At March 31, 2012 and 2011, we had no brokered deposits. Total deposits increased \$37.1 million, or 1.1%, to \$3.4 billion resulting primarily from organic growth and the BankMeridian acquisition. Excluding deposits acquired in the BankMeridian acquisition, total deposits decreased \$24.7 million, or 0.8%. Excluding deposits acquired from BankMeridian, we increased our noninterest-bearing deposit balance by \$144.4 million, or 23.8%, at March 31, 2012 as compared to the balance at

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March 31, 2011. Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase increased \$28.9 million, or 14.0%, from the balance at March 31, 2011, and increased \$55.0 million, or 30.5%, from the balance at December 31, 2011. Other borrowings declined by \$190,000, or 0.4%, from March 31, 2011. To the extent that we employ other types of non-deposit funding sources, typically to accommodate retail and correspondent customers, we continue to emphasize shorter maturities of such funds. Our approach may provide an opportunity to sustain a low funding rate or possibly lower our cost of funds but could also increase our cost of funds if interest rates rise.

Our ongoing philosophy is to remain in a liquid position taking into account our current composition of earning assets, asset quality, capital position, and operating results. Our liquid earning assets include federal funds sold, balances at the Federal Reserve Bank, reverse repurchase agreements, and/or other short-term investments. Cyclical and other economic trends and conditions can disrupt our Bank's desired liquidity position at any time. We expect that these conditions would generally be of a short-term nature. Under such circumstances, our Bank's federal funds sold position and any balances at the Federal Reserve Bank serve as the primary sources of immediate liquidity. At March 31, 2012, our Bank had total federal funds credit lines of \$331.0 million with no outstanding advances. If additional liquidity were needed, the Bank would turn to short-term borrowings as an alternative immediate funding source and would consider other appropriate actions such as promotions to increase core deposits or the sale of a portion of our investment portfolio. At March 31, 2012, our Bank had \$78.1 million of credit available at the Federal Reserve Bank's Discount Window, but had no outstanding advances as of the end of the quarter. In addition, we could draw on additional alternative immediate funding sources from lines of credit extended to us from our correspondent banks and/or the FHLB. At March 31, 2012, our Bank had a total FHLB credit facility of \$282.7 million with total outstanding letters of credit consuming \$43.7 million and no outstanding advances. We believe that our liquidity position continues to be adequate and readily available.

Our contingency funding plan incorporates several potential stages based on liquidity levels. Also, we review on at least an annual basis our liquidity position and our contingency funding plans with our principal banking regulator. The Bank maintains various wholesale sources of funding. If our deposit retention efforts were to be unsuccessful, our Bank would utilize these alternative sources of funding. Under such circumstances, depending on the external source of funds, our interest cost would vary based on the range of interest rates charged to our Bank. This could increase our Bank's cost of funds, impacting net interest margins and net interest spreads.

**Loss Share**

The following table presents the expected losses on acquired assets covered under loss share agreements as of March 31, 2012:

(Dollars in thousands)	FDIC Threshold or ILE	Original Estimated Losses	Losses Incurred * through 3/31/2012	Remaining Estimated Losses for Loans	OREO Mark ** 3/31/2012	Projected Total Losses
<b>CBT</b>	\$ 233,000	\$ 340,039	\$ 254,270	\$ 80,808	\$ 21,572	\$ 356,650
<b>Habersham</b>	94,000	124,363	72,113	33,297	8,416	113,826
<b>BankMeridian</b>	70,827	70,190	20,378	43,247	6,565	70,190
<b>Total</b>	\$ 397,827	\$ 534,592	\$ 346,761	\$ 157,352	\$ 36,553	\$ 540,666

\* Loans and OREO losses excluding expenses, net of revenues.

\*\* Represents the estimated losses on OREO at period end. These losses have been recognized to record OREO at net realizable value. These losses are claimable from the FDIC upon sale or receipt of a valid appraisal.



Under the Habersham and BankMeridian loss share agreements, all losses (whether or not they exceed the intrinsic loss estimate ( ILE )) are reimbursable by the FDIC at 80% of the losses and reimbursable expenses paid. As of March 31, 2012, the reimbursement rate is 95% of the loss and reimbursable expenses paid for the CBT covered assets. During the fourth quarter of 2011, the losses and reimbursable expenses claimed under the CBT loss share agreement exceeded the \$233.0 million threshold.

### **Deposit and Loan Concentrations**

We have no material concentration of deposits from any single customer or group of customers. We have no significant portion of our loans concentrated within a single industry or group of related industries. Furthermore, we attempt to avoid making loans that, in an aggregate amount, exceed 10% of total loans to a multiple number of borrowers engaged in similar business activities.

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As of March 31, 2012, there were no aggregated loan concentrations of this type. We do not believe there are any material seasonal factors that would have a material adverse effect on us. We do not have foreign loans or deposits.

**Concentration of Credit Risk**

We consider concentrations of credit to exist when, pursuant to regulatory guidelines, the amounts loaned to a multiple number of borrowers engaged in similar business activities which would cause them to be similarly impacted by general economic conditions represent 25% of total risk-based capital, or \$97.5 million at March 31, 2012. Based on these criteria, we had five such credit concentrations at March 31, 2012, including loans to borrowers engaged in other activities related to real estate, loans to religious organizations, loans to lessors of nonresidential buildings (except mini-warehouses), loans to lessors of residential buildings, and loans to other holding companies (except bank holding companies).

**Cautionary Note Regarding Any Forward-Looking Statements**

*Statements included in Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations which are not historical in nature are intended to be, and are hereby identified as, forward-looking statements for purposes of the safe harbor provided by Section 21E of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934. The words may, will, anticipate, should, would, believe, contemplate, expect, estimate, continue, may, and intend, as well as other similar words and expressions of the future, are intended to identify forward-looking statements. We caution readers that forward-looking statements are estimates reflecting our judgment based on current information, and are subject to certain risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from anticipated results. Such risks and uncertainties include, among others, the matters described in Item 1A. Risk Factors of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011, the matters described in Part II, Item 1A. Risk Factors of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, and the following:*

- **Credit risk** associated with an obligor's failure to meet the terms of any contract with the Bank or otherwise fail to perform as agreed;
- **Interest rate risk** involving the effect of a change in interest rates on both the Bank's earnings and the market value of the portfolio equity;
- **Liquidity risk** affecting our Bank's ability to meet its obligations when they come due;
- **Price risk** focusing on changes in market factors that may affect the value of financial instruments which are marked-to-market periodically;
- **Transaction risk** arising from problems with service or product delivery;
- **Compliance risk** involving risk to earnings or capital resulting from violations of or nonconformance with laws, rules, regulations, prescribed practices, or ethical standards;
- **Regulatory change risk** resulting from new laws, rules, regulations, prescribed practices or ethical standards;

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- **Strategic risk** resulting from adverse business decisions or improper implementation of business decisions;
- **Reputation risk** that adversely affects earnings or capital arising from negative public opinion;
- **Terrorist activities risk** that result in loss of consumer confidence and economic disruptions;
- **Cybersecurity risk** related to our dependence on internal computer systems as well as the technology of outside service providers subjects us to business disruptions or financial losses resulting from deliberate attacks or unintentional events;
- **Merger integration risk** including potential deposit attrition, higher than expected costs, customer loss and business disruption associated with the integration of Peoples, including, without limitation, potential difficulties in maintaining relationships with key personnel and other integration related-matters;
- **Noninterest income risk** resulting from the effect of final rules amending Regulation E that prohibit financial institutions from charging consumer fees for paying overdrafts on ATM and one-time debit card transactions, unless the consumer consents or opts-in to the overdraft service for those types of transactions; and
- **Economic downturn risk** resulting in changes in the credit markets, greater than expected non-interest expenses, excessive loan losses and other factors, which could cause actual results to differ materially from future results expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements.

### Item 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

We have no material changes in our quantitative and qualitative disclosures about market risk as of March 31, 2012 from that presented in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011.

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**Item 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES**

As of the end of the period covered by this report, we carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of management, including our President and Chief Executive Officer and our Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures pursuant to Exchange Act Rule 13a-15. Management necessarily applied its judgment in the process of reviewing these controls and procedures, which, by their nature, can provide only reasonable assurance regarding management's control objectives. Based upon this evaluation, our President and Chief Executive Officer and our Chief Financial Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of the end of the period covered by this Quarterly Report.

There have been no significant changes in our internal controls over financial reporting that occurred during the first quarter of 2012 that materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal controls over financial reporting.

The design of any system of controls and procedures is based in part upon certain assumptions about the likelihood of future events. There can be no assurance that any design will succeed in achieving its stated goals under all potential future conditions, regardless of how remote.

**PART II OTHER INFORMATION**

**Item 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS**

As of March 31, 2012 and the date of this form 10-Q, we believe that we are not a party to, nor is any of our property the subject of, any pending material proceeding other than those that may occur in the ordinary course of our business, except that on January 18, 2012, two purported shareholders of Peoples filed a class action lawsuit in the Court of Common Pleas for the Thirteenth Judicial District, State of South Carolina, County of Pickens, captioned *F. Davis Arnette and Mary F. Arnette v. Peoples Bancorporation, Inc.*, Case No. 2012-CP-39-0064. The Complaint names as defendants Peoples, the current members of Peoples' board of directors, and SCBT. The Complaint is brought on behalf of a putative class of shareholders of Peoples common stock and seeks a declaration that it is properly maintainable as a class action. The Complaint alleges that Peoples' directors breached their fiduciary duties by failing to maximize shareholder value in connection with the pending merger between SCBT and Peoples, and also alleges that SCBT aided and abetted those breaches of fiduciary duty. The Complaint seeks declaratory and injunctive relief to prevent the completion of the merger, an accounting to determine damages sustained by the putative class, and costs including plaintiffs' attorneys' and experts' fees. SCBT believes that the claims asserted in the Complaint are without merit and that the proceeding will not have any material adverse effect on the financial condition or operations of SCBT.

On April 17, 2012, SCBT entered into a memorandum of understanding (the "MOU") with plaintiffs and other named defendants regarding the settlement of the Complaint. Under the terms of the MOU, SCBT, Peoples, the Director Defendants and the plaintiffs have agreed to settle the Lawsuit and release the defendants from all claims relating to the Merger, subject to approval by the Court. If the Court approves the settlement contemplated by the MOU, the Lawsuit will be dismissed with prejudice. Pursuant to the terms of the MOU, SCBT and Peoples have made available additional information to Peoples shareholders in the Current Report on Form 8-K filed April 18, 2012 and should be read in conjunction with the Proxy Statement/Prospectus, which should be read in its entirety. In return, the plaintiffs have agreed to the dismissal of the Lawsuit with prejudice and to withdraw all motions filed in connection with the Lawsuit. If the MOU is finally approved by the Court, it is anticipated that the MOU will resolve and release all claims in all actions that were or could have been brought challenging any aspect of the

Merger, the Merger Agreement and any disclosures made in connection therewith. There can be no assurance that the parties will ultimately enter into a stipulation of settlement or that the Court will approve the settlement, even if the parties were to enter into such stipulation. In such event, the proposed settlement as contemplated by the MOU may be terminated.

**Item 1A. RISK FACTORS**

Investing in shares of our common stock involves certain risks, including those identified and described in Item 1A. of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011, as well as cautionary statements contained in this Form 10-Q, including those under the caption *Cautionary Note Regarding Any Forward-Looking Statements* set forth in Part I, Item 2 of this Form 10-Q and risks and matters described elsewhere in this Form 10-Q and in our other filings with the SEC.

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(a) and (b) not applicable

(c) Issuer Purchases of Registered Equity Securities:

In February 2004, we announced a stock repurchase program with no formal expiration date to repurchase up to 250,000 shares of our common stock. There are 147,872 shares that may yet be purchased under that program. The following table reflects share repurchase activity during the first quarter of 2012:

<b>Period</b>	<b>(a) Total Number of Shares (or Units) Purchased</b>	<b>(b) Average Price Paid per Share (or Unit)</b>	<b>(c) Total Number of Shares (or Units) Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs</b>	<b>(d) Maximum Number (or Approximate Dollar Value) of Shares (or Units) that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs</b>
January 1 - January 31	7,165	\$ 30.61		147,872
February 1 - February 29				147,872
March 1 - March 31	*			147,872
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,165</b>			<b>147,872</b>

\* These shares were repurchased under arrangements, authorized by our stock-based compensation plans and Board of Directors, whereby officers or directors may sell previously owned shares to SCBT in order to pay for the exercises of stock options or for income taxes owed on vesting shares of restricted stock. These shares are not purchased under the plan to repurchase 250,000 shares announced in February 2004.

**Item 3. DEFAULTS UPON SENIOR SECURITIES**

Not applicable.

**Item 4. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES**

Not applicable.

**Item 5. OTHER INFORMATION**

Not applicable.

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**Item 6. EXHIBITS**

Exhibit 31.1	Rule 13a-14(a) Certification of Principal Executive Officer
Exhibit 31.2	Rule 13a-14(a) Certification of Principal Financial Officer
Exhibit 32	Section 1350 Certifications of Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer
Exhibit 101	The following financial statements from the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of SCBT Financial Corporation for the quarter ended March 31, 2012, formatted in eXtensible Business Reporting Language (XBRL): (i) Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets, (ii) Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income, (iii) Condensed Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income, (iv) Condensed Consolidated Statements of Changes in Shareholders' Equity, (v) Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows and (vi) Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.(1)

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(1) As provided in Rule 406T of Regulation S-T, this information shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 11 and 12 of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or otherwise subject to liability under those sections.

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.

SCBT FINANCIAL CORPORATION  
(Registrant)

Date: May 9, 2012

/s/ Robert R. Hill, Jr.  
Robert R. Hill, Jr.  
President and Chief Executive Officer

Date: May 9, 2012

/s/ John C. Pollok  
John C. Pollok  
Senior Executive Vice President,  
Chief Financial Officer, and  
Chief Operating Officer

Date: May 9, 2012

/s/ Keith S. Rainwater  
Keith S. Rainwater  
Senior Vice President and  
Principal Accounting Officer



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