FARMERS & MERCHANTS BANCORP INC Form 8-K January 21, 2014

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d)

OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) January 17, 2014

Farmers & Merchants Bancorp, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Ohio (State or Other Jurisdiction 000-14492 (Commission 34-1469491 (IRS Employer

of Incorporation)

File Number)

Identification No.)

307 North Defiance Street, (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

Archbold, Ohio

43502 (Zip Code)

Registrant s Telephone Number, including Area Code (419) 446-2501

N/A

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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

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

Item 8.01. Other Events

On January 17, 2014, Farmers & Merchants Bancorp, Inc. is announcing that its Board of Directors has authorized the repurchase of up to 200,000 shares (approximately 4.31%) of its outstanding common stock commencing January 17, 2014, and ending December 31, 2014. The Board has authorized the appropriate officers of the Company to effect repurchases either in the open market or in privately negotiated transactions.

Signatures

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

FARMERS & MERCHANTS BANCORP, INC.

(Registrant)

/s/ Paul S. Siebenmorgen Paul S. Siebenmorgen President & Chief Executive Officer

/s/ Barbara J. Britenriker Barbara J. Britenriker Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer

Dated: January 17, 2014

SAFE HARBOR STATEMENT

Farmers & Merchants Bancorp, Inc. (the Company) wishes to take advantage of the Safe Harbor provisions included in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Statements by the Company, including management s expectations and comments, may not be based on historical facts and are forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended and Section 21B of the Securities Act of 1934, as amended. Actual results could vary materially depending on risks and uncertainties inherent in general and local banking conditions, competitive factors specific to markets in which the Company and its subsidiaries operate, future interest rate levels, legislative and regulatory decisions or capital market conditions. The Company assumes no responsibility to update this information. For more details, please refer to the Company s SEC filings, including its most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K and quarterly reports on Form 10-Q.