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## EAGLE BANCORP, INC. ANNOUNCES CONTINUED GROWTH AND RECORD EARNINGS. WITH ASSETS EXCEEDING \$5.2 BILLION

**BETHESDA, MD.** Eagle Bancorp, Inc. (the "Company") (NASDAQ:EGBN), the parent company of EagleBank, today announced record quarterly net income of \$14.7 million (\$16.9 million on an operating basis) for the three months ended December 31, 2014, a 23% increase on a net income basis (41% on an operating basis) over the \$12.0 million net income for the three months ended December 31, 2013. Net income available to common shareholders for the three months ended December 31, 2014 increased 23% (41% increase on an operating basis) to \$14.5 million (\$16.7 million on an operating basis) as compared to \$11.9 million for the same period in 2013.

Net income per basic and diluted common share for the three months ended December 31, 2014 was \$0.51 and \$0.49, respectively (\$0.59 per basic common share and \$0.56 per diluted common share on an operating basis), as compared to \$0.46 per basic common share and \$0.45 per diluted common share for the same period in 2013.

Operating earnings exclude expenses of \$3.2 million or \$2.2 million net of tax (\$0.08 per basic share and \$0.07 per diluted share) recorded in the fourth quarter and \$4.7 million or \$3.5 million net of tax (\$0.13 per basic and diluted share) for the year ended December 31, 2014, related to the October 31, 2014 merger with Virginia Heritage Bank. Where appropriate, parenthetical references refer to operating earnings, which the Company believes are better comparisons to prior period results of operations. Reconciliations of GAAP earnings to operating earnings are contained in the footnotes to the financial highlights table.

For the year ended December 31, 2014, the Company's net income was \$54.3 million (\$57.7 million on an operating basis), a 15% increase (23% on an operating basis) over the \$47.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2013. Net income available to common shareholders was \$53.6 million (\$57.1 million on an operating basis) as compared to \$46.4 million for 2013, a 16% increase (23% on an operating basis).

Net income per basic and diluted common share for the year ended December 31, 2014 was \$2.01 and \$1.95, respectively (\$2.14 per basic common share and \$2.08 per diluted common share on an operating basis), as compared to \$1.81 per basic common share and \$1.76 per diluted common share for 2013, an 11% increase per basic and diluted share (18% on an operating basis per basic and diluted share)

"We are pleased to report our twenty-fourth consecutive quarter of record earnings, which includes the first reporting period since the Company's completion of the merger with Virginia

Heritage Bank on October 31, 2014" noted Ronald D. Paul, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Eagle Bancorp, Inc. "The Company's net income has increased each quarter since the fourth quarter of 2008. For the fourth quarter of 2014, the Company's performance was again highlighted by significant growth in total loans and total deposits, both from organic growth and from the merger; by 33% growth in total revenue as compared to the same quarter in 2013; by a continuation of a favorable net interest margin, which was 4.42% for the fourth quarter of 2014; and by continued solid asset quality measures. As expected, the merger has resulted in improved operating leverage for the Company as evidenced by a fourth quarter efficiency ratio on an operating basis of 45.71%. The strong fourth quarter earnings resulted in an annualized return on average assets ("ROAA") of 1.21% (1.38% on an operating basis) and an annualized return on average equity ("ROAE") of 11.68% (13.15% on an operating basis).

The completion of the merger with Virginia Heritage Bank, contributed to growth in the Company's balance sheet in the fourth quarter of approximately \$800 million in loans, \$3 million in loans held for sale, \$645 million in deposits, and \$95 million in borrowings. Additionally, the Company issued 4,010,261 shares of its common stock to complete the merger, and succeeded to \$15.3 million of preferred stock which has a dividend rate of 1.00%. Intangibles of approximately \$107 million were recorded in the merger transaction.

For the fourth quarter of 2014, total loans grew 26% over September 30, 2014, and were 46% higher at December 31, 2014 as compared to December 31, 2013. For the fourth quarter of 2014, total deposits increased 22% over September 30, 2014, and were 34% higher at December 31, 2014 than December 31, 2013. The net interest margin was 4.42% for the fourth quarter, 2 basis points higher than the fourth quarter of 2013. Mr. Paul added, "The continuing emphasis on disciplined pricing for both new loans and funding sources together with a favorable loan to deposit ratio has resulted in the Company's superior net interest margin position."

Total revenue (net interest income plus noninterest income) for the fourth quarter of 2014 was \$57.1 million, or 33% above the \$43.0 million of total revenue earned for the fourth quarter of 2013. For the year ended December 31, 2014, total revenue was \$196.8 million, 16% higher than \$169.5 million recorded for the year ended December 31, 2013.

The primary driver of the Company's revenue growth for the fourth quarter of 2014 was its net interest income growth of 34%, as compared to the fourth quarter in 2013 (\$51.8 million versus \$38.7 million). Noninterest income growth in the fourth quarter 2014 contributed to the total revenue growth in the quarter due substantially to increased gains on the sale of residential mortgage loans.

For the fourth quarter of 2014, revenue from residential mortgage banking net interest income and fees represented 3.6% of total revenue versus 2.4% of total revenue for the fourth quarter of 2013. For the year of 2014, revenue from residential mortgage banking net interest income and fees represented 2.9% of total revenue versus 7.2% of total revenue for the year of 2013. Mr. Paul emphasized "that the Company's primary focus is on generating spread or net interest income, while also looking to residential mortgage banking and SBA as components of the Company's ongoing noninterest income growth opportunities. Purchase money residential mortgage activity has been increasing in the Company's market area and EagleBank is committed to participating in that improved business activity." The mix of purchase money mortgages was 54% for the year of 2014 as compared to 28% for the year of 2013. Activity in SBA lending in the fourth quarter of 2014 resulted in \$186 thousand of gains on sales. The Company remains committed to growing the SBA business.

Asset quality measures remained solid at December 31, 2014. Net charge-offs (annualized) were 0.26% of average loans for the fourth quarter of 2014 and were 0.17% of average loans for the year ended December 31, 2014, as compared to net charge-offs (annualized) of 0.18% and 0.23%, respectively for the fourth quarter of 2013 and the year ended December 31, 2013. Taking into account loan growth, the level and details of nonperforming loans and portfolio delinquencies, net charge-off trends and consistent loan loss reserve methodology resulted in the allowance for loan losses at December 31, 2014 standing at \$46.1 million or 1.07% of total loans and 205% of total nonperforming loans, as compared to \$40.9 million or 1.39% of total loans and 166% of nonperforming loans at December 31, 2013. The ratio of the allowance for credit losses to total loans declined from 1.31% at September 30, 2014 to 1.07% at December 31, 2014 due to accounting for the loans acquired from Virginia Heritage Bank at fair value. As a result, under the applicable accounting, the acquired loans will not have any allowance component attributed against them, except to the extent of future deterioration, if any. The credit mark recorded in connection with the merger was 1.59% of loans acquired or approximately \$12.8 million, which represents expected lifetime losses on the acquired loan portfolio.

At December 31, 2014, the Company's nonperforming assets amounted to \$35.7 million, representing 0.68% of total assets, compared to \$33.9 million of nonperforming assets, or 0.90% of total assets at December 31, 2013 and to \$38.0 million of nonperforming assets, or 0.92% of total assets at September 30, 2014. Management continues to remain attentive to early signs of deterioration in borrowers' financial conditions and is proactive in taking the appropriate steps to mitigate risk. Furthermore, the Company is diligent in placing loans on nonaccrual status and believes, based on its loan portfolio risk analysis, that its allowance for credit losses, at 1.07% of total loans (excluding loans held for sale) at December 31, 2014, is adequate to absorb potential credit losses within the loan portfolio at that date. The allowance for credit losses represented 205% of nonperforming loans at December 31, 2014, as compared to 166% at December 31, 2013 and 153% at September 30, 2014.

Lastly, Mr. Paul noted, "that for the year ended December 31, 2014, the Company's operating cost management remained quite strong." The efficiency ratio of 50.67% (48.28% on an operating basis) reflects management's determined and continuous efforts to control costs. As earlier noted, the merger completed in the fourth quarter resulted in improved operating efficiency. The in-market transaction allowed the Company to achieve significant cost savings beginning in the fourth quarter of 2014. The Company's goal is to maximize operating performance without inhibiting growth or negatively impacting our ability to service our customers. Mr. Paul further noted the favorable full year 2014 level of noninterest expenses to average assets of just 2.41% (2.30% on an operating basis) as compared to 2.46% for the year 2013, highlights the commitment to furthering operating leverage. "We will maintain strict oversight of expenses, while retaining an infrastructure to remain competitive."

At December 31, 2014, total assets were \$5.25 billion, compared to \$3.77 billion at December 31, 2013, a 39% increase, and \$4.17 billion at September 30, 2014, a 26% increase. Total loans (excluding loans held for sale) were \$4.31 billion at December 31, 2014 compared to \$2.95 billion at December 31, 2013, a 46% increase, and \$3.43 billion at September 30, 2014, a 26% increase. Total deposits were \$4.31 billion at December 31, 2014, compared to deposits of \$3.23 billion at December 31, 2013, a 34% increase and \$3.53 billion at September 30, 2014, a 22% increase. Loans held for sale amounted to \$44.3 million at December 31, 2014 as compared to \$42.0 million at December 31, 2013, a 5% increase, and \$41.3 million at September 30, 2014, a 7% increase.

The investment portfolio totaled \$382.3 million at December 31, 2014, a 1% increase from the \$378.1 million balance at December 31, 2013. As compared to September 30, 2014, the investment portfolio at December 31, 2014 decreased by \$125 thousand. Total borrowed funds (excluding customer repurchase agreements) were \$219.3 million at December 31, 2014 as compared to \$39.3 million at December 31, 2013, a 458% increase, and \$109.3 million at September 30, 2014, a 101% increase. Included in the increase in borrowed funds at September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2014 is the issuance of \$70 million of ten-year noncallable 5.75% subordinated debt issued in August 2014. The subordinated debt qualifies as Tier 2 capital for regulatory purposes at the Company.

Total shareholders' equity increased to \$620.8 million at December 31, 2014, compared to \$393.9 million and \$442.6 million at December 31, 2013 and September 30, 2014, respectively, primarily due to growth from earnings and the issuance of new common equity to consummate the merger with Virginia Heritage Bank. The ratio of common equity to total assets was 10.46% at December 31, 2014 as compared to 8.94% at December 31, 2013 and 9.26% at September 30, 2014. The Company's capital position remains substantially in excess of regulatory requirements for well capitalized status, with a total risk based capital ratio of 12.97% at December 31, 2014, as compared to a total risk based capital ratio of 13.01% at December 31, 2013 and 14.48% at September 30, 2014. In addition, the tangible common equity ratio (tangible common equity to tangible assets) was 8.54% at December 31, 2014, compared to 8.86% at December 31, 2013 and 9.19% at September 30, 2014.

### Analysis of the three months ended December 31, 2014 compared to December 31, 2013

For the three months ended December 31, 2014, the Company reported an annualized ROAA of 1.21% (1.38% on an operating basis) as compared to 1.33% for the three months ended December 31, 2013. The annualized ROAE for the three months ended December 31, 2014 was 11.68% (13.15% on an operating basis), as compared to 14.07% for the three months ended December 31, 2013.

Net interest income increased 34% for the three months ended December 31, 2014 over the same period in 2013, resulting from both growth in average earning assets of 34% and an expanded net interest margin for the three months ended December 31, 2014. The net interest margin was 4.42% as compared to 4.40% for the three months ended December 31, 2013. The Company believes its net interest margin remains favorable compared to peer banking companies and that its disciplined approach to managing its loan portfolio yield to 5.29% and 5.37%, for the fourth quarter in 2014 and for the year ended December 31, 2014, respectively, has been a significant factor in its overall profitability.

The provision for credit losses was \$3.7 million for the three months ended December 31, 2014 as compared to \$2.5 million for the three months ended December 31, 2013. The higher provisioning in the fourth quarter of 2014, as compared to the fourth quarter of 2013, is due primarily to higher net charge-offs. Net charge-offs of \$2.6 million in the fourth quarter of 2014 represented an annualized 0.26% of average loans, excluding loans held for sale, as compared to \$1.3 million or an annualized 0.18% of average loans, excluding loans held for sale, in the fourth quarter of 2013. Charge-offs in the fourth quarter of 2014 were attributable primarily to land development and construction loans (\$1.3 million), owner occupied-commercial real estate loans (\$717 thousand) and commercial and industrial loans (\$486 thousand).

Noninterest income for the three months ended December 31, 2014 increased to \$5.3 million from \$4.3 million for the three months ended December 31, 2013, a 23% increase. This increase was primarily due to an increase of \$992 thousand in gains on the sale of residential mortgage

loans due to higher origination volume and a decrease of \$15 thousand in income from sales of SBA loans. There were \$12 thousand of investment securities gains recorded for the fourth quarter of 2014, as compared to \$4 thousand of investment securities losses for the fourth quarter of 2013.

The efficiency ratio, which measures the ratio of noninterest expense to total revenue, was 51.38% (45.71% on an operating basis) for the fourth quarter of 2014, as compared to 50.03% for the fourth quarter of 2013. As a percentage of average assets, total noninterest expense (annualized) was 2.40% (2.14% on an operating basis) for the fourth quarter of 2014 as compared to 2.39% for the same period in 2013. Noninterest expenses totaled \$29.4 million (\$26.1 million on an operating basis) for the three months ended December 31, 2014, as compared to \$21.5 million for the three months ended December 31, 2013, a 36% increase (21% increase on an operating basis). Cost increases for salaries and benefits were \$2.9 million, due primarily to increased staff from the merger, merit increases, employee benefit expense increases and incentive compensation. Premises and equipment expenses were \$773 thousand higher, due to costs of additional branches and office space acquired in the merger and to increases in leasing costs. Data processing expense increased \$124 thousand primarily due to increases associated with the merger and higher network expenses. Legal, accounting and professional fees increased by \$183 thousand. Merger related expenses attributable to the merger with Virginia Heritage Bank were \$3.2 million for the quarter.

#### Analysis of the year ended December 31, 2014 compared to December 31, 2013

For the year ended December 31, 2014, the Company reported an ROAA of 1.31% (1.40% on an operating basis) as compared to 1.37% for the year ended December 31, 2013, while the ROAE was 13.50% (14.38% on an operating basis), as compared to 14.60% for the year ended December 31, 2013.

Net interest income increased 23% for the year ended December 31, 2014 over 2013, resulting from both growth in average earning assets of 19% and an expanded net interest margin. The net interest margin was 4.44% as compared to 4.30% for the year ended December 31, 2013. For 2014, the Company has been able to maintain its loan portfolio yields relatively close to 2013 levels (5.37% versus 5.51%) due to disciplined loan practices, and also has been able to reduce its cost of funds (0.33% versus 0.37%), while maintaining a favorable deposit mix, much of which has occurred from ongoing efforts to increase and deepen client relationships.

The provision for credit losses was \$10.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2014 as compared to \$9.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2013. The higher provisioning for the year ended December 31, 2014 as compared to the same period in 2013 is due to higher loan growth. For the year ended December 31, 2014, net charge-offs totaled \$5.7 million (0.17% of average loans) compared to \$6.2 million (0.23% of average loans) for the year ended December 31, 2013. Net charge-offs for the year ended December 31, 2014 were attributable primarily to land development and construction loans (\$2.6 million), commercial and industrial loans (\$1.7 million), owner occupied-commercial real estate loans (\$746 thousand) and home equity and other consumer (\$578 thousand).

Noninterest income for the year ended December 31, 2014 decreased to \$18.3 million from \$24.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2013, a 26% decrease. This decrease was primarily due to decline of \$6.9 million in gains on the sale of residential mortgage loans due to lower origination and sales volume, and a decrease of \$791 thousand in income from sales of SBA loans. This decrease was partially offset by \$299 thousand from service charges on deposits and a \$563 thousand from Bank Owned Life Insurance. There were \$22 thousand of

investment securities gains recorded for the year of 2014, as compared to \$19 thousand of investment securities gains for the year of 2013.

Noninterest expenses for the year ended of 2014 were \$99.7 million (\$95.0 million on an operating basis) compared to \$84.6 million, an 18% increase (12% on an operating basis). Cost increases for salaries and employee benefits were \$9.8 million, due primarily to additional personnel acquired in the merger, to merit increases, to higher benefit costs and to higher incentive compensation. Premises and equipment expenses were \$1.4 million higher, due to costs of additional branches and office space acquired in the merger, and to normal increases in leasing costs. Legal, accounting and professional fees increased by \$470 thousand. The decrease in other expenses of \$1.8 million was due to lower OREO expenses and a decrease in other losses. For 2014, expenses of \$4.7 million were specifically attributable to the merger with Virginia Heritage Bank. As a percentage of average assets, total noninterest expense was 2.41% (2.30% on an operating basis) for the year of 2014 as compared to 2.46% for the same period in 2013. For the year of 2014, the efficiency ratio remained favorable at 50.67% (48.28% on an operating basis) as compared to 49.90% for the same period in 2013.

The financial information, which follows provides more detail on the Company's financial performance for the twelve and three months ended December 31, 2014 as compared to the twelve and three months ended December 31, 2013, as well as providing eight quarters of trend data. Persons wishing additional information should refer to the Company's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013 and other reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC").

**About Eagle Bancorp:** The Company is the holding company for EagleBank, which commenced operations in 1998. The Bank is headquartered in Bethesda, Maryland, and operates through twenty-two full service branch offices, located in Montgomery County, Maryland, Washington, D.C. and Northern Virginia. The Company focuses on building relationships with businesses, professionals and individuals in its marketplace.

Conference Call: Eagle Bancorp will host a conference call to discuss its fourth quarter and full year 2014 financial results on Thursday, January 22, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. eastern standard time. The public is invited to listen to this conference call by dialing 1.877.303.6220, conference ID Code is 61443513, or by accessing the call on the Company's website, www.EagleBankCorp.com. A replay of the conference call will be available on the Company's website through February 5, 2015.

Forward-looking Statements: This press release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, including statements of goals, intentions, and expectations as to future trends, plans, events or results of Company operations and policies and regarding general economic conditions. In some cases, forward-looking statements can be identified by use of words such as "may," "will," "anticipates," "believes," "expects," "plans," "estimates," "potential," "continue," "should," and similar words or phrases. These statements are based upon current and anticipated economic conditions, nationally and in the Company's market, interest rates and interest rate policy, competitive factors, expectations as to the Company's ability to successfully integrate Virginia Heritage Bank's business and customers and to achieve anticipated cost savings and business enhancements related to the merger, and other conditions which by their nature, are not susceptible to accurate forecast and are subject to significant uncertainty. Because of these uncertainties and the assumptions on which this discussion and the forward-looking statements are based, actual future operations and results in the future may differ materially from those indicated herein. For details on factors that could affect these expectations, see the risk factors

and other cautionary language included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013 and in other periodic and current reports filed with the SEC. Readers are cautioned against placing undue reliance on any such forward-looking statements. The Company's past results are not necessarily indicative of future performance.

# Eagle Bancorp, Inc. Consolidated Financial Highlights (Unaudited)

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(dollars in thousands, except per share data)		Twelve Mo	nuns En iber 31,	aea	Three Months Ended December 31,					
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Income Statements:		2011		2010		2011		2010		
Total interest income	\$	191,573	\$	157,294	\$	56,091	\$	41,652		
Total interest expense		13,095		12,504		4,275		2,938		
Net interest income		178,478		144,790		51,816		38,714		
Provision for credit losses		10,879		9,602		3,700		2,508		
Net interest income after provision for credit losses		167,599		135,188		48,116		36,206		
Noninterest income (before investment gains)		18,323		24,697		5,298		4,308		
Gain(loss) on sale of investment securities		22 18,345		19 24,716		5,310		4,304		
Total noninterest income		99,728		84,579		29,352		21,524		
Total noninterest expense (1) Income before income tax expense		86,216		75,325	-	24,074		18,986		
Income tax expense		31,958		28,318		9,347		6,983		
Net income (1)		54,258		47,007		14,727		12,003		
Preferred stock dividends		614		566		180		141		
Net income available to common shareholders (1)	\$	53,644	\$	46,441	\$	14,547	\$	11,862		
Per Share Data:										
Earnings per weighted average common share, basic (1)	\$	2.01	\$	1.81	\$	0.51	\$	0.46		
Earnings per weighted average common share, diluted (1)	\$	1.95	\$	1.76	\$	0.49	\$	0.45		
Weighted average common shares outstanding, basic Weighted average common shares outstanding, diluted		26,683,759		25,726,062		28,777,778		25,835,054		
Actual shares outstanding		27,550,978 30,139,396		26,358,611 25,885,863		29,632,685 30,139,396		26,495,545 25,885,863		
Book value per common share at period end	\$	18.21	\$	13.03	\$	18.21	\$	13.03		
Tangible book value per common share at period end (2)	\$	14.56	\$	12.89	\$	14.56	\$	12.89		
Performance Ratios (annualized):	•		,		*		,			
Return on average assets (1)		1.31%		1.37%		1.21%		1.33%		
Return on average common equity (1)		13.50%		14.60%		11.68%		14.07%		
Net interest margin		4.44%		4.30%		4.42%		4.40%		
Efficiency ratio (1) (3)		50.67%		49.90%		51.38%		50.03%		
Other Ratios:										
Allowance for credit losses to total loans		1.07%		1.39%		1.07%		1.39%		
Allowance for credit losses to total nonperforming loans		205.30%		165.66%		205.30%		165.66%		
Nonperforming loans to total loans		0.52%		0.84%		0.52%		0.84%		
Nonperforming assets to total assets		0.68%		0.90%		0.68%		0.90%		
Net charge-offs (annualized) to average loans		0.17%		0.23%		0.26%		0.18%		
Common equity to total assets		10.46%		8.94%		10.46%		8.94%		
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Tier 1 risk based capital ratio Total risk based capital ratio		10.39%		13.01%		12.97%		13.01%		
Tangible common equity to tangible assets (2)		8.54%		8.86%		8.54%		8.86%		
		0.3470		0.0070		0.34%		0.00%		
Loan Balances - Period End (in thousands): Commercial and Industrial	¢	016 226	¢	694,350	\$	916,226	¢	694,350		
	\$	916,226	\$				\$			
Commercial real estate - owner occupied	\$	461,581	\$	317,491	\$	461,581	\$	317,491		
Commercial real estate - income producing	\$	1,703,172	\$	1,119,799	\$	1,703,172	\$	1,119,799		
1-4 Family mortgage	\$	148,018	\$	90,418	\$	148,018	\$	90,418		
Construction - commercial and residential	\$	793,432	\$	574,167	\$	793,432	\$	574,167		
Construction - C&I (owner occupied)	\$	58,032	\$	34,660	\$	58,032	\$	34,660		
Home equity	\$	122,536	\$	110,242	\$	122,536	\$	110,242		
Other consumer	\$	109,402	\$	4,031	\$	109,402	\$	4,031		
Average Balances (in thousands):	¢	4 120 405	ф	2 420 102	¢	4 0 4 4 4 0 0	¢	2577715		
Total assets	\$ \$	4,130,495 4,013,125	\$ \$	3,439,103 3,370,466	\$ \$	4,844,409 4,654,423	\$ \$	3,576,715 3,485,546		
Total earning assets Total loans held for sale	\$ \$	4,013,123 33,541	\$ \$	5,570,400 90,161	\$	4,034,423 39,387	\$ \$	3,483,346 27,767		
Total loans	\$ \$	3,361,696	\$ \$	2,644,892	\$	3,993,020	\$ \$	2,867,955		
Total deposits	\$	3,513,088	\$	2,044,892	\$	4,025,900	\$	3,038,949		
Total borrowings	\$	147,859	\$	133,896	\$	237,401	\$	126,409		
Total shareholders' equity	\$	456,623	\$	374,703	\$	561,467	\$	391,036		
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(1) The reported figure includes the effect of \$4.7 million and \$3.2 million of merger related expenses (\$3.5 million and \$2.2 million net of tax) for the twelve and three months ended December 31, 2014. As the magnitude of the merger expenses distorts the operational results of the Company, we present in the GAAP reconciliation below and in the accompanying text certain performance ratios excluding the effect of the merger expenses during the twelve and three months periods ended December 31, 2014. We believe this information is important to enable shareholders and other interested parties to assess the core operational performance of the Company.

#### **GAAP Reconciliation (Unaudited)**

(dollars in thousands except per share data)

(donars in thousands except per share data)		Months Ended ber 31, 2014		Months Ended ber 31, 2014
Net income	\$	54,258	\$	14,727
Adjustments to net income				
Merger-related expenses, net of tax		3,472		2,173
Operating net income	\$	57,730	\$	16,900
Net income available to common shareholders	\$	53,644	\$	14,547
Adjustments to net income available to common shareholders				
Merger-related expenses, net of tax		3,472		2,173
Operating earnings	\$	57,116	\$	16,720
Earnings per weighted average common share, basic	\$	2.01	\$	0.51
Adjustments to earnings per weighted average common share, basic				
Merger-related expenses, net of tax		0.13		0.08
Operating earnings per weighted average common share, basic	\$	2.14	\$	0.59
Earnings per weighted average common share, diluted	\$	1.95	\$	0.49
Adjustments to earnings per weighted average common share, diluted		0.12		0.07
Merger-related expenses, net of tax Operating earnings per weighted average common share, diluted	\$	2.08	\$	0.07
Summary Operating Results: Noninterest expense Merger-related expenses Adjusted noninterest expense	\$	99,728 4,699 95,029	\$	29,352 3,239 26,113
Adjusted efficiency ratio		48.28%		45.71%
Adjusted noninterest expense as a % of average assets		2.30%		2.14%
Return on average assets				
Net income	\$	54,258	\$	14,727
Adjustments to net income				
Merger-related expenses, net of tax	ф.	3,472	Ф.	2,173
Operating net income	\$	57,730	\$	16,900
Adjusted return on average assets		1.40%		1.38%
Return on average common equity				
Net income available to common shareholders	\$	53,644	\$	14,547
Adjustments to net income available to common shareholders		2.472		0.170
Merger-related expenses, net of tax Operating earnings	\$	3,472 57,116	\$	2,173 16,720
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Adjusted return on average common equity		14.38%		13.43%

(2) Tangible common equity to tangible assets (the "tangible common equity ratio") and tangible book value per common share are non-GAAP financial measures derived from GAAP-based amounts. The Company calculates the tangible common equity ratio by excluding the balance of intangible assets from common shareholders' equity and dividing by tangible assets. The Company calculates tangible book value per common share by dividing tangible common equity by common shares outstanding, as compared to book value per common share, which the Company calculates by dividing common shareholders' equity by common shares outstanding. The Company considers this information important to shareholders as tangible equity is a measure that is consistent with the calculation of capital for bank regulatory purposes, which excludes intangible assets from the calculation of risk based ratios and as such is useful for investors, regulators, management and others to evaluate capital adequacy and to compare against other financial institutions. The table below provides a reconciliation of these non-GAAP financial measures with financial measures defined by GAAP.

**GAAP Reconciliation (Unaudited)** 

(dollars in thousands except per share data)

	Decer	nber 31, 2014	Decen	nber 31, 2013
Common shareholders' equity	\$	548,859	\$	337,263
Less: Intangible assets		(109,908)		(3,510)
Tangible common equity	\$	438,951	\$	333,753
Book value per common share	\$	18.21	\$	13.03
Less: Intangible book value per common share		(3.65)		(0.14)
Tangible book value per common share	\$	14.56	\$	12.89
Total assets	\$	5,247,880	\$	3,771,503
Less: Intangible assets		(109,908)		(3,510)
Tangible assets	\$	5,137,972	\$	3,767,993
Tangible common equity ratio		8.54%		8.86%

(3) Computed by dividing noninterest expense by the sum of net interest income and noninterest income.

### Consolidated Balance Sheets (Unaudited)

(dollars in thousands, except per share data)

Assets	Decen	nber 31, 2014	<u>Septeml</u>	ber 30, 2014	Decen	nber 31, 2013
Cash and due from banks	\$	9,097	\$	7,920	\$	9,577
Federal funds sold		3,516		8,968		5,695
Interest bearing deposits with banks and other short-term investments		243,412		191,468		291,688
Investment securities available for sale, at fair value		382,343		382,468		378,133
Federal Reserve and Federal Home Loan Bank stock		22,560		10,657		11,272
Loans held for sale		44,317		41,254		42,030
Loans		4,312,399		3,432,548		2,945,158
Less allowance for credit losses		(46,075)		(44,954)		(40,921)
Loans, net		4,266,324		3,387,594		2,904,237
Premises and equipment, net		19,099		17,848		16,737
Deferred income taxes		32,511		25,803		28,949
Bank owned life insurance		56,594		40,432		39,738
Intangible assets, net		109,908		3,321		3,510
Other real estate owned		13,224		8,623		9,225
Other assets		44,975		42,825		30,712
Total Assets	\$	5,247,880	\$	4,169,181	\$	3,771,503
Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity						
Deposits:						
Noninterest bearing demand	\$	1,175,799	\$	1,056,559	\$	849,409
Interest bearing transaction		143,628		161,886		118,580
Savings and money market		2,302,600		1,944,593		1,811,088
Time, \$100,000 or more		393,132		190,137		203,706
Other time		295,609		180,675		242,631
Total deposits		4,310,768		3,533,850		3,225,414
Customer repurchase agreements		61,120		58,957		80,471
Other short-term borrowings		100,000		-		-
Long-term borrowings		119,300		109,300		39,300
Other liabilities		35,933		24,460		32,455
Total liabilities		4,627,121		3,726,567		3,377,640
Shareholders' Equity						
Preferred stock, par value \$.01 per share, shares authorized 1,000,000,						
Series B, \$1,000 per share liquidation preference, shares issued and						
outstanding 56,600 at December 31, 2014, September 30, 2014 and						
December 31, 2013; Series C, \$1,000 per share liquidation preference,						
shares issued and outstanding 15,300 at December 31, 2014, -0- at						
September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013		71,900		56,600		56,600
Common stock, par value \$.01 per share; shares authorized 50,000,000, shares						
issued and outstanding 30,139,396, 26,022,307 and 25,885,863 respectively		296		255		253
Warrant		946		946		946
Additional paid in capital		394,933		247,811		242,990
Retained earnings		150,037		135,490		96,393
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)		2,647		1,512		(3,319)
Total Shareholders' Equity		620,759		442,614		393,863
Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity	\$	5,247,880	\$	4,169,181	\$	3,771,503

### Consolidated Statements of Operations (Unaudited)

(dollars in thousands, except per share data)

(donais in thousands, except per share data)		Twelve Mo	nths Er iber 31		Three Months Ended December 31,						
Interest Income		2014	1001 01	2013		2014	2013				
Interest and fees on loans	\$	181,775	\$	148,801	\$	53,594	\$	39,322			
Interest and dividends on investment securities	Ψ	9,286	Ŷ	7,792	•	2,375	Ψ	2,203			
Interest on balances with other banks and short-term investments		496		689		117		125			
Interest on federal funds sold		16		12		5		2			
Total interest income		191,573		157,294		56,091		41,652			
Interest Expense		171,070		107,27		20,071		11,002			
Interest on deposits		9,638		10,614		2,713		2,492			
Interest on customer repurchase agreements		143		254		36		57			
Interest on short-term borrowings		31		-		31		-			
Interest on long-term borrowings		3,283		1,636		1,495		389			
Total interest expense		13,095		12,504		4,275		2,938			
Net Interest Income		178,478		144,790		51,816	38,714				
Provision for Credit Losses		10,879		9,602		3,700		2,508			
Net Interest Income After Provision For Credit Losses		167,599		135,188		48,116		36,206			
		107,000		133,100		10,110		30,200			
Noninterest Income											
Service charges on deposits		4,906		4,607		1,268		1,256			
Gain on sale of loans		6,886		14,578		2,200		1,223			
Gain on sale of investment securities		22		19		12		(4)			
Increase in the cash surrender value of bank owned life insurance		1,283		720		364		300			
Other income		5,248		4,792		1,466		1,529			
Total noninterest income		18,345		24,716		5,310		4,304			
Noninterest Expense											
Salaries and employee benefits		57,268		47,481		15,703		12,759			
Premises and equipment expenses		13,317		11,923		3,747		2,974			
Marketing and advertising		1,999		1,686		578		519			
Data processing		6,163		5,903		1,571		1,447			
Legal, accounting and professional fees		3,439		2,969		926		743			
FDIC insurance		2,333		2,263		653		483			
Merger expenses		4,699		-		3,239		-			
Other expenses		10,510		12,354		2,935		2,599			
Total noninterest expense		99,728		84,579		29,352		21,524			
Income Before Income Tax Expense		86,216		75,325		24,074		18,986			
Income Tax Expense		31,958		28,318		9,347		6,983			
Net Income		54,258		47,007		14,727		12,003			
Preferred Stock Dividends		614		566		180		141			
Net Income Available to Common Shareholders	\$			46,441	\$			11,862			
Earnings Per Common Share											
Basic	\$	2.01	\$	1.81	\$	0.51	\$	0.46			
Diluted	\$	1.95	\$	1.76	\$	0.49	\$	0.45			

### Consolidated Average Balances, Interest Yields And Rates (Unaudited)

(dollars in thousands)

	Three Months Ended December 31,										
			201		iree Months E	arucu D					
		Average Balance		terest	Average Yield/Rate	Aver	age Balance	2013 Interest		Average Yield/Rate	
ASSEIS						-	-				
Interest earning assets:											
Interest bearing deposits with other banks and other short-term investments	\$	202,182	\$	117	0.23%	\$	204,193	\$	125	0.24%	
Loans held for sale (1)		39,387		381	3.87%		27,767		282	4.06%	
Loans (1) (2)		3,993,020		53,213	5.29%		2,867,955		39,040	5.40%	
Investment securities available for sale (2)		409,627		2,375	2.30%		380,689		2,203	2.29%	
Federal funds sold		10,207		5	0.19%		4,942		2	0.16%	
Total interest earning assets		4,654,423		56,091	4.78%		3,485,546		41,652	4.74%	
Total noninterest earning assets		234,775					131,249				
Less: allowance for credit losses		44,789					40,080				
Total noninterest earning assets		189,986					91,169				
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	4,844,409				\$	3,576,715				
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY											
Interest bearing liabilities:											
Interest bearing transaction	\$	132,516	\$	43	0.13%	\$	104,466	\$	71	0.27%	
Savings and money market		2,111,968		1,682	0.32%		1,621,712		1,471	0.36%	
Time deposits		594,850		988	0.66%		448,838		950	0.84%	
Total interest bearing deposits		2,839,334		2,713	0.38%		2,175,016		2,492	0.45%	
Customer repurchase agreements		62,663		36	0.22%		87,084		57	0.26%	
Other short-term borrowings		28,916		31	0.42%		25		-	-	
Long-term borrowings		145,822		1,495	4.01%		39,300		389	3.86%	
Total interest bearing liabilities		3,076,735		4,275	0.55%		2,301,425		2,938	0.51%	
Noninterest bearing liabilities:											
Noninterest bearing demand		1,186,566					863,933				
Other liabilities		19,641					20,321				
Total noninterest bearing liabilities		1,206,207					884,254				
Shareholders' equity		561,467					391,036				
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	\$	4,844,409				\$	3,576,715				
Net interest income		<u>-</u>	\$	51,816				\$	38,714		

4.23%

4.42%

4.23%

4.40%

Net interest spread Net interest margin

<sup>(1)</sup> Loans placed on nonaccrual status are included in average balances. Net loan fees and late charges included in interest income on loans totaled \$3.1 million and \$2.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

<sup>(2)</sup> Interest and fees on loans and investments exclude tax equivalent adjustments.

### Consolidated Average Balances, Interest Yields and Rates (Unaudited)

(dollars in thousands)

				Tw	elve Months l	Ended I	December 31.			
			201		erve monens	aruc u I				
		Average Balance		iterest	Average Yield/Rate	Average Balance		Interest		Average Yield/Rate
ASSETS										
Interest earning assets:										
Interest bearing deposits with other banks and other short-term investments	\$	207,530	\$	496	0.24%	\$	280,268	\$	689	0.25%
Loans held for sale (1)		33,541		1,337	3.99%		90,161		3,140	3.48%
Loans (1) (2)		3,361,696		180,438	5.37%		2,644,892		145,661	5.51%
Investment securities available for sale (2)		401,153		9,286	2.31%		348,274		7,792	2.24%
Federal funds sold		9,205		16	0.17%		6,871		12	0.17%
Total interest earning assets		4,013,125		191,573	4.77%		3,370,466		157,294	4.67%
Total noninterest earning assets		160,543					107,844			
Less: allowance for credit losses		43,173					39,207			
Total noninterest earning assets		117,370					68,637			
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	4,130,495				\$	3,439,103			
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHO LDERS' EQUITY										
Interest bearing liabilities:										
Interest bearing transaction	\$	119,835	\$	178	0.15%	\$	103,763	\$	298	0.29%
Savings and money market		1,950,138		6,265	0.32%		1,516,699		5,765	0.38%
Time deposits		449,108		3,195	0.71%		481,576		4,551	0.95%
Total interest bearing deposits		2,519,081		9,638	0.38%		2,102,038		10,614	0.50%
Customer repurchase agreements		63,490		143	0.23%		94,566		254	0.27%
Other short-term borrowings		7,288		31	0.42%		30		-	-
Long-term borrowings		77,081		3,283	4.20%		39,300		1,636	4.11%
Total interest bearing liabilities		2,666,940		13,095	0.49%		2,235,934		12,504	0.56%
Noninterest bearing liabilities:										
Noninterest bearing demand		994,007					811,757			
Other liabilities		12,925					16,709			
Total noninterest bearing liabilities		1,006,932					828,466			
Shareholders' equity		456,623					374,703			
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	\$	4,130,495				\$	3,439,103			
Net interest income			\$	178,478				\$	144,790	

4.28%

4.44%

4.11%

4.30%

Net interest spread Net interest margin

<sup>(1)</sup> Loans placed on nonaccrual status are included in average balances. Net loan fees and late charges included in interest income on loans totaled \$11.5 million and \$7.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

<sup>(2)</sup> Interest and fees on loans and investments exclude tax equivalent adjustments.

#### Statements of Income and Highlights Quarterly Trends (Unaudited)

(dollars in thousands, except per share data)

		Three Months Ended														
	De	cember 31,	Se	ptember 30,		June 30,	I	March 31,	De	ecember 31,	Se	ptember 30,		June 30,	N	March 31,
Income Statements:		2014		2014		2014		2014		2013		2013		2013		2013
Total interest income	\$	56,091	\$	47,886	\$	44,759	\$	42,837	\$	41,652	\$	39,724	\$	37,985	\$	37,933
Total interest expense		4,275		3,251		2,739		2,830		2,938		3,021		3,121		3,424
Net interest income		51,816		44,635		42,020		40,007		38,714		36,703		34,864		34,509
Provision for credit losses		3,700		2,111		3,134		1,934		2,508		1,372		2,357		3,365
Net interest income after provision for credit losses		48,116		42,524		38,886		38,073		36,206		35,331		32,507		31,144
Noninterest income (before investment gains/losses																
& extinguishment of debt)		5,298		4,761		3,809		4,455		4,308		5,236		7,065		8,088
Gain/(loss) on sale of investment securities		12		-		2		8		(4)		-		-		23
Total noninterest income		5,310		4,761		3,811		4,463		4,304		5,236		7,065		8,111
Salaries and employee benefits		15,703		14,942		13,015		13,608	<u></u>	12,759		12,187		11,335		11,200
Premises and equipment		3,747		3,374		3,107		3,089		2,974		3,222		2,927		2,800
Marketing and advertising		578		544		415		462		519		426		394		347
Merger expenses		3,239		885		576		-		-		-		-		-
Other expenses		6,085		5,398		5,022		5,939		5,272		5,838		6,029		6,350
Total noninterest expense		29,352		25,143		22,135		23,098		21,524		21,673		20,685		20,697
Income before income tax expense		24,074		22,142		20,562		19,438		18,986		18,894		18,887		18,558
Income tax expense		9,347		8,054		7,618		6,939		6,983		7,137		7,212		6,986
Net income		14,727		14,088		12,944		12,499		12,003		11,757		11,675		11,572
Preferred stock dividends		180		151		142		141		141		142		142		141
Net income available to common shareholders	\$	14,547	\$	13,937	\$	12,802	\$	12,358	\$	11,862	\$	11,615	\$	11,533	\$	11,431
Per Share Data (1):																
Earnings per weighted average common share, basic	\$	0.51	\$	0.54	\$	0.49	\$	0.48	\$	0.46	\$	0.45	\$	0.45	\$	0.45
Earnings per weighted average common share, diluted	\$	0.49	\$	0.52	\$	0.48	\$	0.47	\$	0.45	\$	0.44	\$	0.44	\$	0.44
Weighted average common shares outstanding, basic		28,777,778		26,023,670		25,981,638		25,927,888		25,835,054		25,784,287		25,742,185		25,518,523
Weighted average common shares outstanding, diluted		29,632,685		26,654,186		26,623,784		26,575,155		26,495,545		26,426,093		26,334,355		26,222,041
Actual shares outstanding		30,139,396		26,022,307		25,985,659		25,975,186		25,885,863		25,799,220		25,764,542		25,728,162
Book value per common share at period end	\$	18.21	\$	14.83	\$	14.25	\$	13.62	\$	13.03	\$	12.62	\$	12.14	\$	11.86
Tangible book value per common share at period end (2)	\$	14.56	\$	14.71	\$	14.12	\$	13.49	\$	12.89	\$	12.48	\$	12.00	\$	11.72
Doufourness Detics (onnuelined)																
Performance Ratios (annualized):		1.21%		1.37%		1.35%		1.36%		1.33%		1.35%		1.41%		1.39%
Return on average assets		11.68%		14.52%				14.38%								
Return on average common equity		4.42%				14.09%				14.07%		14.37%		14.75%		15.29% 4.20%
Net interest margin				4.45%		4.48%		4.45%		4.40%		4.31%		4.27%		
Efficiency ratio (3)		51.38%		50.90%		48.30%		51.94%		50.03%		51.68%		49.33%		48.56%
Other Ratios:																
Allowance for credit losses to total loans (4)		1.07%		1.31%		1.33%		1.37%		1.39%		1.42%		1.47%		1.52%
Nonperforming loans to total loans (4)		0.52%		0.86%		0.69%		1.19%		0.84%		0.98%		0.87%		1.11%
Allowance for credit losses to total nonperforming loans		205.30%		152.25%		193.50%		115.67%		165.66%		144.08%		168.63%		137.80%
Nonperforming assets to total assets		0.68%		0.92%		0.80%		1.19%		0.90%		1.11%		1.05%		1.12%
Net charge-offs (annualized) to average loans (4)		0.26%		0.09%		0.20%		0.11%		0.18%		0.20%		0.24%		0.33%
Tier 1 leverage ratio		10.69%		10.70%		10.89%		10.83%		10.93%		10.89%		10.81%		10.39%
Tier 1 risk based capital ratio		10.39%		11.26%		11.29%		11.57%		11.53%		11.61%		11.12%		11.08%
Total risk based capital ratio		12.97%		14.48%		12.71%		13.04%		13.01%		13.12%		12.53%		12.50%
Average Balances (in thousands):																
Total assets	\$	4.844.409	\$	4,070,914	\$	3,853,441	\$	3,740,225	\$	3,576,715	\$	3.467.193	\$	3.331.677	\$	3,378,362
Total earning assets	\$ \$	4,654,423	\$	3,977,859	\$	3,760,720	\$	3,647,305	\$	3,485,546	\$	3,383,547	\$	3,279,034	\$ \$	3,331,930
	\$ \$	4,634,423 39,387	\$		\$		\$		\$		\$		\$		\$ \$	3,331,930 179,476
Total loans held for sale	\$ \$	,		45,069	\$ \$	22,848		26,592		27,767		63,579		91,781		,
Total loans	\$ \$	3,993,020	\$	3,317,731	-	3,141,976	\$	2,981,917	\$	2,867,955	\$	2,668,429	\$	2,557,811	\$	2,480,862
Total deposits	Ψ	4,025,900	\$	3,470,231	\$	3,328,380	\$	3,217,916	\$	3,038,949	\$	2,939,705	\$	2,810,033	\$	2,864,305
Total borrowings	\$	237,401	\$	152,249	\$	98,105	\$	102,146	\$	126,409	\$	136,590	\$	137,337	\$	135,315
Total stockholders' equity	\$	561,467	\$	437,370	\$	421,029	\$	405,121	\$	391,036	\$	377,246	\$	370,302	\$	359,859

<sup>(1)</sup> Per share amounts and the number of outstanding shares have been adjusted to give effect to the 10% common stock dividend distributed on June 14, 2013.

<sup>(2)</sup> Tangible book value per common share is a non-GAAP financial measure derived from GAAP-based amounts. We calculate tangible book value per common share by dividing tangible common equity by common shares outstanding, as compared to book value per common share, which we calculate by dividing common shareholders' equity by common shares outstanding. We believe that this information is important to shareholders as tangible equity is a measure that is consistent with the calculation of capital for bank regulatory purposes, which excludes intangible assets from the calculation of risk based ratios.

<sup>(3)</sup> Computed by dividing noninterest expense by the sum of net interest income and noninterest income.

<sup>(4)</sup> Excludes loans held for sale.