FIRST BANCTRUST CORP
Form 8-K
March 20, 2007

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):
March 20, 2007 (March 15, 2007)

FIRST BANCTRUST CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE	000-32535	37-1406661
State or other jurisdiction of Incorporation	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

101 SOUTH CENTRAL AVENUE, PARIS, IL 61944
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(217) 465-6381
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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:

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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 March 16, 2007, First BancTrust Corporation issued a news release to report that its Board of Directors authorized the repurchase of up to an additional 117,710 shares of the Company's common stock, or five percent of the Company's outstanding shares. This action is a continuation of its stock repurchase program first begun in March, 2003. The release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 hereto.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit Number

99.1 Press Release, dated March 16, 2007 issued by First BancTrust Corporation

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 duly authorized.

FIRST BANCTRUST CORPORATION

Dated: March 16, 2007

/s/ Terry J. Howard

Terry J. Howard
President and Chief Executive Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

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