

GERMAN AMERICAN BANCORP
Form 8-K
March 17, 2003

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549-1004**

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

March 17, 2003

Date of Report

(Date of earliest event reported)

GERMAN AMERICAN BANCORP

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Indiana

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

0-11244

(Commission File Number)

35-1547518

(IRS Employer Identification Number)

711 Main Street

Box 810

Jasper, Indiana

(Address of principal executive offices)

47546

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (812) 482-1314

Item 5. Other Events

By press release issued on March 17, 2003, German American Bancorp publicly announced its intention to purchase approximately 1,075,000 of its common shares, including the associated preferred share purchase rights, pursuant to its tender offer that commenced February 7, 2003 and expired March 14, 2003. Such information is incorporated herein by reference to the text of such press release, which is filed as Exhibit 99.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

99 Press release issued March 17, 2003.

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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.

GERMAN AMERICAN BANCORP

By: /s/ Bradley M. Rust

Bradley M. Rust, Senior Vice President,
Accounting and Finance

Dated: March 17, 2003