

CENTRUE FINANCIAL CORP  
Form 425  
January 03, 2005

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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 3, 2005

Centrue Financial Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

1-15025

36-3846489

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

310 S. Schuyler, Kankakee, Illinois

60901

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

815-937-4440

Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

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**Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.**

On December 31, 2004, Centrue Financial Corporation, a Delaware corporation, entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger with Illinois Community Bancorp, Inc., an Illinois corporation, which provides for the merger of Illinois Community with and into Community Acquisition LLC, a Delaware limited liability company and wholly owned subsidiary of Centrue Financial. In connection with the Merger Agreement, Centrue Financial entered into a voting agreement with the individual directors and executive officers of Illinois Community pursuant to which they agreed to vote the shares of Illinois Community common stock they own in favor of the merger. The voting agreement covers approximately 31.9% of the outstanding shares of Illinois Community common stock.

A copy of the Agreement and Plan of Merger, the form of Voting Agreement and a News Release, dated January 3, 2005, issued by Centrue Financial relating to the merger, are attached hereto and are incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits.

2.01 Agreement and Plan of Merger among Centrue Financial Corporation, Community Acquisition LLC and Illinois Community Bancorp, Inc. dated December 31, 2004

10.1 Form of Voting Agreement

99.1 News Release dated December 31, 2004.

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**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.

Centrue Financial Corporation

*January 3, 2004*

By: *James M. Lindstrom*

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*Name: James M. Lindstrom*  
*Title: Chief Financial Officer*

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