

Stock Yards Bancorp, Inc.  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**CROCE MICHAEL**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

PO BOX 32890

(Street)

LOUISVILLE, KY 40232

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**Stock Yards Bancorp, Inc. [SYBT]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**02/18/2016**

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

Executive Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)<br>Code V Amount (D) Price                             |   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 02/18/2016                           |  | F                              | 57 D \$ 37.03   | 3,235   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 02/19/2016                           |  | F                              | 53 D \$ 37.33   | 3,182   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 4,084   | I  | by 401k/ESOP-fbo Michael Croce                        |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |              |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Option (Right to Buy)                      | \$ 26.83   |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/20/2008   | 02/20/2017  | Common Stock | 2,500                      |
| Stock Appreciation Right                   | \$ 23.37   |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/19/2009   | 02/19/2018  | Common Stock | 1,550                      |
| Stock Appreciation Right                   | \$ 22.14   |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/17/2010   | 02/17/2019  | Common Stock | 1,500                      |
| Stock Appreciation Right                   | \$ 21.03   |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/16/2011   | 02/16/2020  | Common Stock | 1,500                      |
| Stock Appreciation Right                   | \$ 23.76   |                                      |  |                                |   | 03/15/2012   | 03/15/2021  | Common Stock | 1,000                      |
| Stock Appreciation Right                   | \$ 22.86   |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/20/2013   | 02/20/2022  | Common Stock | 1,000                      |
| Stock Appreciation Right                   | \$ 29.16   |                                      |  |                                |   | 06/24/2015   | 06/24/2024  | Common Stock | 2,160                      |
| Stock Appreciation Right                   | \$ 34.43   |                                      |  |                                |   | 03/17/2016   | 03/17/2025  | Common Stock | 2,824                      |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                        | Relationships |           |                          |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                  | Other |
| CROCE MICHAEL<br>PO BOX 32890<br>LOUISVILLE, KY 40232 |               |           | Executive Vice President |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Michael  
Croce 02/22/2016

    Signature of                      Date  
Reporting Person

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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