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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) September 13, 2001 (September 10, 2001)

LENDINGTREE, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE 25-1795344

(State or other jurisdiction 000-29215 (I.R.S. Employer of incorporation) Commission File Number Identification Number)

11115 RUSHMORE DRIVE

CHARLOTTE NC 28277

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

(704) 541-5351

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS

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On September 10, 2001 LendingTree, Inc., announced results of a third-party brand tracking study conducted for LendingTree by Boston-based Chadwick Martin Bailey, Inc. The study, which was conducted in June 2001, measured Total Brand Awareness* both nationally and within major metropolitan areas among adults 18-54 for brands competing within the online lending market. The results show that the LendingTree brand enjoys 59 percent Total Brand Awareness among adults nationwide, and that Total Brand Awareness among frequent Internet users in major metropolitan markets is 70 percent. These numbers are more than 2.5 times the awareness levels of direct online competitors and exceed the nation's top retail banks included in the study. See Exhibit 99, herein, for further details.

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

- (a) Financial statements of business acquired Not Applicable
- (b) Pro forma financial information Not Applicable
- (c) Exhibits
 - 99 Press Release of LendingTree, Inc. September 10, 2001 announcing results of a brand awareness study.

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

LENDINGTREE, INC.

Date: September 13, 2001

By: /s/ Keith B. Hall

Keith B. Hall, Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer