

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 31, 2019**

SAGA COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

1-11588

(Commission File Number)

38-3042953

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

**73 Kercheval Avenue
Grosse Pointe Farms, MI**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

48236

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(313) 886-7070**

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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Class A Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	SGA	NASDAQ

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On May 10, 2019, Saga Communications, Inc. issued a press release announcing its financial results for the three months ended March 31, 2019. The press release, dated May 10, 2019, is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

[99.1](#) [Press Release dated May 10, 2019.](#)

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.

SAGA COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

Dated: May 10, 2019

By: /s/ Samuel D. Bush
Samuel D. Bush
Senior Vice President and Chief
Financial Officer

INDEX OF EXHIBITS

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release dated May 10, 2019.

Saga Communications, Inc. Reports 1st Quarter 2019 Results

GROSSE POINTE FARMS, Mich., May 10, 2019 /PRNewswire/ -- Saga Communications, Inc. (Nasdaq: SGA) today reported net revenue decreased \$193 thousand to \$27.8 million and free cash flow increased \$324 thousand to \$2.6 million for the quarter ended March 31, 2019. Station operating expense decreased \$234 thousand to \$23.2 million and operating income decreased \$354 thousand to \$2.0 million for the same period. Net income decreased \$159 thousand to \$1.4 million for the quarter ended March 31, 2019. Diluted earnings per share were \$0.23/share in the first quarter of 2019 compared to \$0.26/share during the same period in 2018.

The results for the quarter were affected by the purchase of the radio stations in the Gainesville – Ocala, FL radio market on December 31, 2018.

On a same station basis for the quarter ended March 31, 2019 net revenue decreased \$1.2 million to \$26.8 million. Operating income decreased \$463 thousand to \$1.9 million and station operating expense decreased \$1.1 million to \$22.3 million.

The Company had \$39.2 million in cash on hand as of March 31, 2019 and \$40.7 million as of May 6, 2019. The Company's total bank debt was \$15 million as of the end of the quarter. Including the recent \$0.30 per share dividend which was paid on March 29, 2019, the Company will have paid over \$64 million in dividends since December 3, 2012.

Capital expenditures were \$1.2 million in the first quarter of 2019 compared to \$1.5 million for the same period last year. The Company expects to spend approximately \$5.0 to \$5.5 million for capital expenditures during 2019.

Saga's 2019 1st Quarter conference call will be on Friday, May 10, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. EDT. The dial-in number for the call is 612/234-9959. A transcript of the call will be posted to the Company's website as soon as it is available after the call.

The Company requests that all parties that have a question that they would like to submit to the Company to please email the inquiry by 10:00 a.m. EDT on May 10, 2019 to SagaIR@sagacom.com. The Company will discuss, during the limited period of the conference call, those inquiries it deems of general relevance and interest. Only inquiries made in compliance with the foregoing will be discussed during the call.

The attached Selected Supplemental Financial Data tables disclose "actual", "same station", and "proforma" information as well as the Company's trailing 12-month consolidated EBITDA. The "actual" amounts reflect our historical financial results and include the results of operations for stations that we did not own for the entire comparable period. The "same station" amounts reflect only the results of operations for stations that we owned for the entire comparable period. The "proforma" amounts assume all acquisitions in 2018 and 2019 occurred as of January 1, 2018.

Saga utilizes certain financial measures that are not calculated in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) to assess its financial performance. Such non-GAAP measures include same station financial information, free cash flow, trailing 12-month consolidated EBITDA, and consolidated net leverage ratio. These non-GAAP measures are generally recognized by the broadcasting industry as measures of performance and are used by Saga to assess its financial performance including, but not limited to, evaluating individual station and market-level performance, evaluating overall operations, as a primary measure for incentive-based compensation of executives and other members of management and as a measure of financial position. Saga's management believes these non-GAAP measures are used by analysts who report on the industry and by investors to provide meaningful comparisons between broadcasting groups, as well as an indicator of their market value. These measures are not measures of liquidity or of performance in accordance with GAAP, and should be viewed as a supplement to and not as a substitute for the results of operations presented on a GAAP basis including net operating revenue, operating income, and net income. Reconciliations for all of the non-GAAP financial measures to the most directly comparable GAAP measure are attached in the Selected Consolidated and Supplemental Financial Data tables.

This press release contains certain forward-looking statements that are based upon current expectations and involve certain risks and uncertainties within the meaning of the U.S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Words such as "believes," "expects," "anticipates," "guidance" and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. Key risks, including risks associated with Saga's ability to effectively integrate the stations it acquires and the impact of federal regulation on Saga's business, are described in the reports Saga periodically files with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, including Item 1A of our Annual Report on Form 10-K. Readers should note that these statements may be impacted by several factors, including national and local economic changes and changes in the radio and television broadcast industry in general, as well as Saga's actual performance. Results may vary from those stated herein and Saga undertakes no obligation to update the information contained here.

Saga is a broadcasting company whose business is devoted to acquiring, developing and operating broadcast properties. Saga owns or operates broadcast properties in 27 markets, including 79 FM radio stations, 34 AM radio stations and 77 metro signals. For additional information, contact us at (313) 886-7070 or visit our website at www.sagacom.com.

Saga Communications, Inc.
Selected Consolidated Financial Data
For The Three Months Ended
March 31, 2019 and 2018
 (amounts in 000's except per share data)
 (Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended	
	March 31,	
	2019	2018
Operating Results		
Net operating revenue	\$ 27,816	\$ 28,009
Station operating expense	23,163	23,397
Corporate general and administrative	2,685	2,544
Other operating expense (income), net	3	(251)
Operating income	1,965	2,319
Interest expense	208	219
Interest income	(163)	(89)

Income before income tax expense	1,920	2,189
Income tax expense	550	660
Net income	<u>\$ 1,370</u>	<u>\$ 1,529</u>
Earnings per share:		
Basic	<u>\$ 0.23</u>	<u>\$ 0.26</u>
Diluted	<u>\$ 0.23</u>	<u>\$ 0.26</u>
Weighted average common shares	<u>5,841</u>	<u>5,842</u>
Weighted average common and common equivalent shares	<u>5,841</u>	<u>5,842</u>

Free Cash Flow

Net income	\$ 1,370	\$ 1,529
Plus: Depreciation and amortization:		
Radio Stations	1,640	1,580
Corporate	71	66
Deferred tax provision	180	310
Non-cash compensation	559	551
Other operating expense (income), net	3	(251)
Less: Capital expenditures	<u>(1,212)</u>	<u>(1,498)</u>
Free cash flow	<u>\$ 2,611</u>	<u>\$ 2,287</u>

	March 31,	
	2019	2018
Balance Sheet Data		
Working capital	\$ 45,256	\$ 56,206
Net fixed assets	\$ 58,739	\$ 56,320
Net intangible assets and other assets	\$ 127,041	\$ 116,108
Total assets	\$ 245,453	\$ 241,078
Long-term debt	\$ 15,000	\$ 25,000
Stockholders' equity	\$ 185,326	\$ 179,921

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	Actual		Same Station ⁽¹⁾		Pro Forma ⁽²⁾	
	Three Months Ended		Three Months Ended		Three Months Ended	
	March 31,		March 31,		March 31,	
	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018
Operating Results						
Net operating revenue	\$ 27,816	\$ 28,009	\$ 26,830	\$ 28,009	\$ 27,816	\$ 28,975
Station operating expense	23,163	23,397	22,286	23,397	23,163	24,232
Corporate general and administrative	2,685	2,544	2,685	2,544	2,685	2,544
Other operating expense (income), net	3	(251)	3	(251)	3	(251)
Operating income	1,965	2,319	\$ 1,856	\$ 2,319	1,965	2,450
Interest expense	208	219			208	219
Interest income	(163)	(89)			(163)	(89)
Income before income tax expense	1,920	2,189			1,920	2,320
Income tax expense	550	660			550	699
Net income	<u>\$ 1,370</u>	<u>\$ 1,529</u>			<u>\$ 1,370</u>	<u>\$ 1,621</u>
Earnings per share:						
Basic	<u>\$ 0.23</u>	<u>\$ 0.26</u>			<u>\$ 0.23</u>	<u>\$ 0.27</u>
Diluted	<u>\$ 0.23</u>	<u>\$ 0.26</u>			<u>\$ 0.23</u>	<u>\$ 0.27</u>

	Actual		Same Station ⁽¹⁾		Pro Forma ⁽²⁾	
	Three Months Ended		Three Months Ended		Three Months Ended	
	March 31,		March 31,		March 31,	
	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018
Depreciation and amortization:						
Radio Stations	\$ 1,640	\$ 1,580	\$ 1,491	\$ 1,580	\$ 1,640	\$ 1,713
Corporate	71	66	71	66	71	66
	<u>\$ 1,711</u>	<u>\$ 1,646</u>	<u>\$ 1,562</u>	<u>\$ 1,646</u>	<u>\$ 1,711</u>	<u>\$ 1,779</u>

- (1) Same station includes only the results of stations we owned and operated for the entire comparable period.
(2) Pro Forma results assume all acquisitions in 2018 and 2019 occurred as of January 1, 2018.

March 31, 2019
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(Unaudited)

	12 Months Ended December 31, 2018	Less: 3 Months Ended March 31, 2018	Plus: 3 Months Ended March 31, 2019	Plus: Proforma Acquisitions ⁽²⁾	Trailing 12 Months Ended March 31, 2019
Trailing 12 Month Consolidated Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation and Amortization ("EBITDA") (1)					
Net income	\$ 13,690	\$ 1,529	\$ 1,370	\$ 476	\$ 14,007
Exclusions:					
Gain (loss) on sale of assets	(61)	251	(3)	-	(315)
Gain (loss) on insurance proceeds	23	-	-	-	23
Interest income	631	89	163	-	705
Other	(107)	(23)	82	-	(2)
Total exclusions	486	317	242	-	411
Consolidated adjusted net income (1)	13,204	1,212	1,128	476	13,596
Plus: Interest expense	946	219	208	-	935
Income tax expense	5,700	660	550	205	5,795
Depreciation & amortization expense	6,786	1,646	1,711	399	7,250
Non-cash stock based compensation expense	2,201	551	559	-	2,209
Trailing twelve month consolidated EBITDA (1)	<u>\$ 28,837</u>	<u>\$ 4,288</u>	<u>\$ 4,156</u>	<u>\$ 1,080</u>	<u>\$ 29,785</u>
Total long-term debt, including current maturities					\$ 15,000
Divided by trailing twelve month consolidated EBITDA (1)					<u>29,785</u>
Leverage ratio					<u>0.50</u>

(1) As defined in the Company's credit facility.

(2) Trailing 12 Month Adjustment

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Reconciliation of Actual Information to Same Station Operating Income

	Actual Three Months Ended March 31, 2019	Adjustment For Acquisitions and Dispositions Not Included in Entire Comparable Period	Same Station Three Months Ended March 31, 2019	Actual Three Months Ended March 31, 2018	Adjustment For Acquisitions and Dispositions Not Included in Entire Comparable Period	Same Station Three Months Ended March 31, 2018
Operating Results						
Net operating revenue	\$ 27,816	\$ (986)	\$ 26,830	\$ 28,009	\$ -	\$ 28,009
Station operating expense	23,163	(877)	22,286	23,397	-	23,397
Corporate general and administrative	2,685	-	2,685	2,544	-	2,544
Other operating expense (income), net	3	-	3	(251)	-	(251)
Operating income	<u>\$ 1,965</u>	<u>\$ (109)</u>	<u>\$ 1,856</u>	<u>\$ 2,319</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,319</u>
Depreciation and amortization	<u>\$ 1,711</u>	<u>\$ (149)</u>	<u>\$ 1,562</u>	<u>\$ 1,646</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,646</u>



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