

BAUER JOHN M  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
BAUER JOHN M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
Northwest Bancshares, Inc. [NWBI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
100 LIBERTY STREET  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
01/20/2010

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

WARREN, PA 16365  
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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 Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Northwest Bancshares, Inc.      |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | 16,789.89   | D  |   |
| Northwest Bancshares, Inc.      |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | 27,809.08   | I  | Wife  |

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 Plan (Right to Buy)                 | \$ 4.35  |                                      |  |                                |   | 10/18/2001   | 10/17/2011  | Northwest Bancshares, Inc. | 15,750                     |
| Option Plan (Right to Buy)                 | \$ 10.19   |                                      |  |                                |   | 01/19/2006   | 01/19/2015  | Northwest Bancshares, Inc. | 22,500                     |
| Option Plan (Right to Buy)                 | \$ 9.79  |                                      |  |                                |   | 11/19/2009   | 11/19/2018  | Northwest Bancshares, Inc. | 6,750                      |
| Option Plan (Right to Buy)                 | \$ 7.48  |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/18/2010   | 02/18/2020  | Northwest Bancshares, Inc. | 6,750                      |
| Option Plan (Right to Buy)                 | \$ 11.49   | 01/20/2010                           | 01/20/2010   | A                              | 6,000<br>(1)  | 01/20/2011   | 01/20/2021  | Northwest Bancshares, Inc. | 6,000                      |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                         | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| BAUER JOHN M<br>100 LIBERTY STREET<br>WARREN, PA 16365 | X             |           |         |       |

## Signatures

John M. Bauer

01/22/2010

\*\*Signature of  
Reporting Person

Date

## 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).
- (1) One seventh of this grant will vest each year beginning January 20, 2011 and on January 20th of each year thereafter through January 20, 2018.

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