

BAUER JOHN M  
Form 5  
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**FORM 5**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**ANNUAL 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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
BAUER JOHN M  
  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

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

100 LIBERTY STREET  
  
(Street)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)  
12/31/2011

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 Reporting  
  
(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)	(A) or (D)	Price	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	34,012.54 (1)	D	Â
Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	31,197.26 (2)	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)	Amount or Number of Shares
					(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Option Plan (Right to Buy)	\$ 10.19	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	01/19/2006	01/19/2015	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	22,500
Option Plan (Right to Buy)	\$ 9.79	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	11/19/2009	11/19/2018	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	6,750
Option Plan (Right to Buy)	\$ 7.48	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	02/18/2010	02/18/2019	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	6,750
Option Plan (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.49	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	01/20/2011	01/20/2020	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	6,000
Option Plan (Right to Buy)	\$ 12.12	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	01/19/2012	01/19/2021	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	6,000
Option Plan (Right to Buy)	\$ 12.32	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	05/18/2011	05/18/2021	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	30,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BAUER JOHN M	Â X	Â	Â	Â

100 LIBERTY STREET  
WARREN, PA 16365

## Signatures

John M. Bauer

01/31/2012

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) Includes 650.94 shares acquired through dividend reinvestment since the insider's last Form 5 filing.
- (2) Includes 842.76 shares acquired through dividend reinvestment since the insider's last Form 5 filing.

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