

GAYLORD ENTERTAINMENT CO /DE  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF 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 * Â Buffington Melissa J (Last) (First) (Middle)  ONE GAYLORD DRIVE (Street)  NASHVILLE,Â TNÂ 37214 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 05/05/2005	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol GAYLORD ENTERTAINMENT CO /DE [GET]	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) SVP of HR and Communications	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	30,500 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	Â

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

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	08/18/2004 <sup>(2)</sup>	08/18/2013	Common Stock	12,300	\$ 0	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	02/05/2005 <sup>(3)</sup>	02/05/2014	Common Stock	10,000	\$ 0	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	02/09/2006 <sup>(4)</sup>	02/09/2005	Common Stock	10,000	\$ 0	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Buffington Melissa J ONE GAYLORD DRIVE NASHVILLE, TN 37214	Â	Â	Â SVP of HR and Communications	Â

## Signatures

/s/Carter R. Todd, Attorney-in-Fact for Melissa J. Buffington

05/06/2005

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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 6,000 shares of restricted stock as to which vesting restrictions have not lapsed. Also includes 22,500 shares of performance accelerated restricted stock units currently scheduled to vest on 2/1/2008.
- (2) Option vests in 1/4 increments beginning 8/18/2004.
- (3) Option vests in 1/4 increments beginning 2/5/2005.
- (4) Option vests in 1/4 increments beginning 2/9/2006

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