

Northwest Bancshares, Inc.  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**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

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Ritzert Gerald J

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

WARREN, PA 16365

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
05/11/2016

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
EVP Finance and Controller

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	05/11/2016	05/11/2016	X	3,937 A	\$ 11.51	39,493.287	D
Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	05/11/2016	05/11/2016	X	10,124 A	\$ 11.12	49,617.287	D
Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	05/11/2016	05/11/2016	S	14,061 D	\$ 14,2369 (2)	35,556.287 (1)	D
Northwest Bancshares,						678	I Wife's IRA

Inc.			
Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	13,176.835 <u>(3)</u>	I	401-K
Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	3,595.616 <u>(4)</u>	I	ESOP

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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.51	05/11/2016	05/11/2016	X	3,937	01/17/2008 01/17/2017	Common Stock	3,937	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.12	05/11/2016	05/11/2016	X	6,592	01/16/2008 01/16/2018	Common Stock	6,592	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.12	05/11/2016	05/11/2016	X	3,532	01/16/2009 01/16/2018	Common Stock	3,532	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Ritzert Gerald J  
100 LIBERTY STREET  
WARREN, PA 16365

EVP Finance and Controller

## Signatures

Gerald J. Ritzert                      05/12/2016

          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) Reflects transactions not required to be reported pursuant to Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
- (2) Average price of 21 lots with a low price of \$14.18 and a high price of \$14.305.
- (3) Reflects transactions not required to be reported pursuant to Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
- (4) Reflects transactions not required to be reported pursuant to Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

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