

BAUER JOHN M  
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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)  
12/31/2010

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 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.      | ^                                    | ^  | ^                              | ^   | ^          | ^     | 17,361.6 <sup>(1)</sup>  | D  | ^   |
| Northwest Bancshares, Inc.      | ^                                    | ^  | ^                              | ^   | ^          | ^     | 30,104.08 <sup>(2)</sup>   | I  | Wife  |

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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)                 | \$ 4.35  | Â                                    | Â  | Â                              | Â Â   | 10/18/2001   | 10/17/2011      | Northwest Bancshares, Inc.                                    | 15,750                     |
| 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   | 02/18/2020      | 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                      |

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

John M. Bauer

02/11/2011

    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 571.71 shares acquired through dividend reinvestment since the insider's last ownership filing.

(2) Includes 2295 shares acquired through dividend reinvestment since the insider's last ownership filing.

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