

Northwest Bancshares, Inc.  
Form 4  
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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**

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(Print or Type Responses)

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

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)  
06/11/2013

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below)  
\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Sr. V.P., Controller

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (D) or Price (A)		
Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	06/11/2013	06/11/2013	X		1,095 A \$ 11.26	26,970.533	D
Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	06/11/2013	06/11/2013	S		400 D \$ 12.48	26,570.533	D
Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	06/11/2013	06/11/2013	S		295 D \$ 12.4837	26,275.533	D
Northwest Bancshares,	06/11/2013	06/11/2013	S		200 D \$ 12.485	26,075.533	D

Inc.									
Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	06/11/2013	06/11/2013	S	100	D	\$ 12.4845	25,975.533	D	
Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	06/11/2013	06/11/2013	S	100	D	\$ 12.4854	25,875.533	D	
Northwest Bancshares, Inc.							678	I	Wife's IRA
Northwest Bancshares, Inc.							8,385.827 <u>(1)</u>	I	401-K
Northwest Bancshares, Inc.							2,150.1769 <u>(2)</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
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.26	06/11/2013	06/11/2013	X	1,095	06/09/2006 08/20/2013	Common Stock	1,095

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Reporting Owners

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Director      10% Owner      Officer      Other

Ritzert Gerald J  
100 LIBERTY STREET  
WARREN, PA 16365

Sr. V.P.,  
Controller

## Signatures

Gerald J. Ritzert                      06/11/2013

\*\*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) Reflects transactions not required to be reported pursuant to Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

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