

Buffington Melissa J  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
 Buffington Melissa J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 GAYLORD ENTERTAINMENT CO /DE [GET]

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 ONE GAYLORD DRIVE  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/01/2008

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 SVP of HR and Communications

NASHVILLE, TN 37214  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V Amount (D) Price  |   |  |  |
| Common Stock                    | 02/01/2008                           |  | F                              | 6,168 (1) \$ 29.23  | 19,274  | D  |  |
| Common Stock                    | 02/04/2008                           |  | A                              | 20,000 (2) \$ 0   | 39,274  | D  |  |

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 |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 38  | 02/04/2008                           |  | A                              | 25,000  | 02/04/2010 <sup>(3)</sup> 02/04/2018                     | Common Stock  | 25,000                     |

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

Carter R. Todd, Attorney-in-Fact for Melissa J. Buffington  
 02/05/2008  
 \*\*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) Represents shares withheld to satisfy Mrs. Buffington's tax withholding obligation with respect to the 22,500 shares of previously awarded restricted stock units vesting on 2/1/08. Mrs. Buffington retained the remaining 16,332 shares.
- (2) Represents shares of common stock issuable upon the vesting of restricted stock units, subject to performance based vesting on 2/4/2012.
- (3) Option vests in 1/3 increments with vesting starting on 2/4/2010, 2/4/2011 and 2/4/2012.

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