

KLOEPPEL DAVID C  
 Form 4  
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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 \*  
**KLOEPPEL DAVID C**

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)  
**02/13/2012**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**President & COO**

**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	02/13/2012		M	37,500 (1) A \$ 29.57	118,649	D	
Common Stock	02/13/2012		F	12,438 (1) D \$ 29.57	106,211 (2)	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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 29.57	02/13/2012		M	37,500	02/04/2012	12/31/2012	Common Stock	37,500

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
KLOEPEL DAVID C ONE GAYLORD DRIVE NASHVILLE, TN 37214			President & COO	

## Signatures

Carter R. Todd, Attorney-in-Fact for David C. Kloepfel 02/15/2012

\*\*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) On February 13, 2012, a total of 37,500 shares of the Company's common stock were awarded to Mr. Kloepfel upon the satisfaction of performance criteria with respect to a restricted stock unit award previously granted to Mr. Kloepfel on February 4, 2008 (the terms of which were amended on September 3, 2010). A total of 12,438 shares were withheld to satisfy Mr. Kloepfel's tax withholding obligations with respect to the award, and Mr. Kloepfel retained the remaining 25,062 shares.

(2) Does not include the following shares of common stock issuable upon the ultimate vesting of time-based restricted stock unit awards: 18,750 (granted on 2/4/08); 21,750 (granted on 6/22/09); 17,500 (granted on 2/3/10) and 15,000 (granted on 2/8/12). Does not include the following shares of common stock issuable upon the satisfaction of criteria with respect to performance-based restricted stock unit awards: 14,000 (granted on 2/2/11); and 15,000 (granted on 2/8/12). The restricted stock awards are subject to the terms and conditions of the applicable agreement with respect to such awards and will ultimately only be issued as provided in such agreements.

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