

DAVIS JULIA A  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
DAVIS JULIA A

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3241 WESTERVILLE ROAD

(Street)

COLUMBUS, OH 432243751

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
RETAIL VENTURES INC [RVI]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
07/11/2005

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 and General Counsel

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock, without par value	07/11/2005		M		16,000 A \$ 1.63	16,000	D
Common Stock, without par value	07/11/2005		S		63 D \$ 12.65	15,937	D
Common Stock, without par value	07/11/2005		S		63 D \$ 12.67	15,874	D

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Common Stock, without par value	07/11/2005	S	18	D	\$ 12.68	15,856	D
Common Stock, without par value	07/11/2005	S	795	D	\$ 12.69	15,061	D
Common Stock, without par value	07/11/2005	S	2,305	D	\$ 12.7	12,756	D
Common Stock, without par value	07/11/2005	S	18	D	\$ 12.71	12,738	D
Common Stock, without par value	07/11/2005	S	161	D	\$ 12.72	12,577	D
Common Stock, without par value	07/11/2005	S	286	D	\$ 12.73	12,291	D
Common Stock, without par value	07/11/2005	S	1,188	D	\$ 12.74	11,103	D
Common Stock, without par value	07/11/2005	S	6,316	D	\$ 12.75	4,787	D
Common Stock, without par value	07/11/2005	S	679	D	\$ 12.76	4,108	D
Common Stock, without par value	07/11/2005	S	1,394	D	\$ 12.77	2,714	D
Common Stock, without par value	07/11/2005	S	804	D	\$ 12.78	1,910	D
	07/11/2005	S	268	D		1,642	D

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Common Stock, without par value					\$	12.79		
Common Stock, without par value	07/11/2005		S	1,376	D	\$ 12.8	266	D
Common Stock, without par value	07/11/2005		S	266	D	\$ 12.81	0	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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 1.63	07/11/2005		M	16,000	<u>(1)</u> 03/14/2013	Common Stock, without par value	16,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DAVIS JULIA A 3241 WESTERVILLE ROAD COLUMBUS, OH 432243751			EVP and General Counsel	

## Signatures

By: Robert J. Tannous,  
Attorney-in-Fact

07/12/2005

\_\_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) Option vests 20% per year beginning 1/1/04.

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