

WEARS JAMES 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 *
WEARS JAMES A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
COMMUNITY BANK SYSTEM
INC [CBU]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
322 HAMILTON STREET
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
10/26/2005

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
President/Banking

OGDENSBURG, NY 13669

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock					28,970	D	
Common Stock	10/26/2005		S		11,332.2667 <u>(1)</u>	D	\$ 23.38
Common Stock					2,522.055 <u>(2)</u>	I	
Common Stock					2,176.582 <u>(3)</u>	I	
Common Stock					826.163 <u>(4)</u>	I	

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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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WEARS JAMES A 322 HAMILTON STREET OGDENSBURG, NY 13669			President/Banking	

Signatures

Donna J. Drengel, as attorney-in-fact, pursuant to a power of attorney 10/28/2005

__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) Includes 459.845 shares acquired pursuant to Community Bank System, Inc.'s 401(K) Plan since the date of the reporting person's last ownership report.
- (2) Includes 17.227 and 21.263 shares acquired on July 11, 2005 and October 11, 2005, respectively, under the Community Bank System, Inc. Dividend Reinvestment Plan.
- (3) Includes 14.868 and 18.35 shares acquired on July 11, 2005 and October 11, 2005, respectively, under the Community Bank System, Inc. Dividend Reinvestment Plan.
- (4) Includes 5.643 and 6.965 shares acquired on July 11, 2005 and October 11, 2005, respectively, under the Community Bank System, Inc. Dividend Reinvestment Plan.

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