PINNACLE ENTERTAINMENT INC. Form 8-K February 15, 2012

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE

SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): February 15, 2012

PINNACLE ENTERTAINMENT, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction

001-13641 (Commission 95-3667491 (IRS Employer

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of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

8918 Spanish Ridge Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada 89148 (Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (702) 541-7777

N/A (Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- " Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On February 15, 2012, Pinnacle Entertainment, Inc. issued a press release announcing the Results of Operations and Financial Condition for the fourth quarter and year ended December 31, 2011. A copy of this press release is being furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

The information in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including Exhibit 99.1, is being furnished pursuant to Item 2.02 and shall not be deemed to be filed for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section. The information contained in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including Exhibit 99.1, that is being furnished under this Item 2.02 shall not be incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, whether made before or after the date hereof, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No. Description

Exhibit 99.1 Press release dated February 15, 2012, issued by Pinnacle Entertainment, Inc.

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

PINNACLE ENTERTAINMENT, INC.

(Registrant)

Date: February 15, 2012 By: /s/ John A. Godfrey

John A. Godfrey

Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

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