FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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	nd Address of <u>George B</u>		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP [LKFN]										eck all		cable)	g Pei	rson(s) to Iss 10% O						
(Last) (First) (Middle) 111 E. WAYNE ST. SUITE 500							3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/08/2006											r (give title)		Other (below)	specify		
SUITE 5			4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)											6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)								
(Street)																		X Form filed by One Reporting Person					
FT. WAYNE IN 46802					_												Form filed by More than One Reporting Person						
(City) (State) (Zip)																							
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																							
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							Code	v	Amount	t (A	() or ()	Price	Reporte Transac (Instr. 3		tion(s)			(Instr. 4)					
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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 I if any (Month/Day	Date,	4. Transa Code (l 8)				6. Date Exercisa Expiration Date (Month/Day/Yea				7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Secur (Instr. 3 and 4)			Deriva	. Price of erivative ecurity nstr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficiall Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	Own Forn Direc or In (I) (Ir	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
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Phantom Stock	(1)	08/08/2006			A		1			(2)	(3)			Common Stock 1		\$24.48	35	353		D			
Stock Options (Right to	\$20.33								01.	/10/2011	01	/11/2016	Commo		,000			3,000		D			

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Each phantom stock unit exersises into 1 share of Common Stock.
- 2. Phantom stock is exercisable after the directors' retirement as a Board member
- 3. Phantom shares expire after the directors' retirement as a Board member.

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<u>in-Fact</u>

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- * 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).

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