

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>PLETCHER RICHARD L</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) 1102 NORTHWOOD DR (Street) NAPPANEE IN 46550 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP [LKFN]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/01/2006	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	05/01/2006		P		10	A	\$23.28	4,402.122	D	
Common Stock	05/01/2006		P		8	A	\$23.28	4,410.122	D	
Common Stock	05/01/2006		P		8	A	\$23.28	1,557.882	I	By Spouse

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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					
Phantom Stock	(1)							10/25/2005	10/25/2005	Common Stock	110	110	D	
Phantom Stock	(1)							04/26/2005	04/26/2015	Common Stock	116	116	D	
Phantom Stock	(1)							07/12/2005	07/12/2015	Common Stock	544	544	D	
Phantom Stock	(1)							07/26/2005	07/26/2015	Common Stock	98	98	D	
Phantom Stock	\$0							01/01/2003	01/01/2003	Common Stock	14,577.4	14,577.4	D	
Phantom Stock	\$0							01/07/2003	01/07/2013	Common Stock	628.6	628.6	D	
Phantom Stock	\$0							01/28/2003	01/28/2013	Common Stock	109.8	109.8	D	
Phantom Stock	\$0							04/28/2003	04/28/2013	Common Stock	108.2	108.2	D	
Phantom Stock	\$0							07/10/2003	07/10/2013	Common Stock	536	536	D	
Phantom Stock	\$0							07/30/2003	07/30/2013	Common Stock	92	92	D	
Phantom Stock	\$0							10/27/2003	10/27/2013	Common Stock	89	89	D	
Phantom Stock	\$0							01/16/2004	01/16/2014	Common Stock	505	505	D	
Phantom Stock	\$0							01/26/2004	01/26/2014	Common Stock	80	80	D	
Phantom Stock	\$0							04/28/2004	04/28/2014	Common Stock	106	106	D	
Phantom Stock	\$0							07/14/2004	07/14/2014	Common Stock	586	586	D	
Phantom Stock	\$0							07/26/2004	07/26/2014	Common Stock	114	114	D	

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(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

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				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Phantom Stock	\$0							10/26/2004	10/26/2014	Common Stock	104		104	D	
Phantom Stock	\$0							01/11/2005	01/11/2015	Common Stock	534		534	D	
Phantom Stock	\$0							01/26/2005	01/26/2015	Common Stock	94		94	D	
Phantom Stock	(1)	05/01/2006		A		108		(2)	(3)	Common Stock	108	\$23.28	820	D	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$6.75							06/13/2005	06/13/2010	Common Stock	1,000		1,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$6.8125							01/09/2006	01/09/2011	Common Stock	2,000		2,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$7.5625							02/08/2005	02/08/2010	Common Stock	1,200		1,200	D	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$9.7188							02/09/2004	02/09/2009	Common Stock	1,150		1,150	D	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$14							05/12/2003	05/10/2008	Common Stock	1,850		1,850	D	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$17.185							12/09/2008	12/09/2013	Common Stock	1,000		1,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

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

Teresa A. Bartman, Attorney-in-Fact 05/01/2006

** 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).

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