FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* (Check all applicable) LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP [LKFN] **WELCH M SCOTT** X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) (Last) (First) (Middle) below) below) 10/25/2005 **6 LONGWOOD COURT** 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) (Street) \mathbf{X} Form filed by One Reporting Person **ELKHART** IN 46516 Form filed by More than One Reporting (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 5. Amount of 7. Nature of 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) Transaction Code (Instr. Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) Securities Beneficially Owned Following Indirect Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) Ownership 8) Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) (Instr. 4) (A) or (D) Code Amount Price Common Stock 3,300 D By Common Stock 700 I **Spouse**

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficial	y 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)		nts, options, convertil 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	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Phantom Stock	(1)							04/26/2005	04/26/2015	Common Stock	22		22	D	
Phantom Stock	(1)							07/12/2005	07/12/2015	Common Stock	216		216	D	
Phantom Stock	(1)							07/26/2005	07/26/2015	Common Stock	18		18	D	
Phantom Stock	\$0							01/01/2003	01/01/2003	Common Stock	2,084.9		2,084.9	D	
Phantom Stock	\$0							01/07/2003	01/07/2013	Common Stock	297.3		297.3	D	
Phantom Stock	\$0							01/28/2003	01/28/2013	Common Stock	17.3		17.3	D	
Phantom Stock	\$0							04/28/2003	04/28/2013	Common Stock	16.5		16.5	D	
Phantom Stock	\$0							07/10/2003	07/10/2013	Common Stock	238		238	D	
Phantom Stock	\$0							07/30/2003	07/30/2013	Common Stock	14		14	D	
Phantom Stock	\$0							10/27/2003	10/27/2013	Common Stock	15		15	D	
Phantom Stock	\$0							01/16/2004	01/16/2014	Common Stock	233		233	D	
Phantom Stock	\$0							01/26/2004	01/26/2014	Common Stock	13		13	D	
Phantom Stock	\$0							04/28/2004	04/28/2014	Common Stock	19		19	D	
Phantom Stock	\$0							07/14/2004	07/14/2014	Common Stock	281		281	D	
Phantom Stock	\$0							07/26/2004	07/26/2014	Common Stock	20		20	D	
Phantom Stock	\$0							10/26/2004	10/26/2014	Common Stock	19		19	D	

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				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Phantom Stock	\$0							01/11/2005	01/11/2015	Common Stock	229		229	D	
Phantom Stock	\$0							01/26/2005	01/26/2015	Common Stock	18		18	D	
Phantom Stock	(1)	10/25/2005		A		22		10/25/2005 ⁽²⁾	10/25/2005 ⁽³⁾	Common Stock	22	\$39.938	22	D	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$13.5							06/13/2005	06/13/2010	Common Stock	500		500	D	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$13.625							01/09/2006	01/09/2011	Common Stock	1,000		1,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$15.125							02/08/2005	02/08/2010	Common Stock	600		600	D	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$19.4375							02/09/2004	02/09/2009	Common Stock	575		575	D	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$34.37							12/09/2008	12/09/2013	Common Stock	500		500	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.

Teresa A. Bartman, Attorneyin-Fact

** Signature of Reporting Person

10/26/2005

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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